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(57) Abstract

The present invention recites a method comprising reacting in a solvent in the presence of a base a) at least one diacidic monomer comprising about 1 to 100 mole % of at least one light-absorbing monomer having a light absorption maximum between about 300 nm and about 1200 nm and 99-0 mole % of a non-light absorbing monomer which does not absorb significant light at wavelengths above 300 nm or has a light absorption maximum below 300 nm, with b) an organic compound of the Formula (II): X-B-X₁ wherein B is a divalent organic radical to form a light-absorbing polymeric composition having Formula (I) wherein B is a defined above; n is at least 2 and A comprises the residue of a diacidic monomer comprising about 1 to 100 mole % of at least one light-absorbing monomer having a light absorption maximum between about 300 nm and about 1000 nm and wherein the remaining portion of A comprises the residue of a non-light absorbing monomer which does not absorb significant light at wavelengths above 300 nm or has a light absorption maximum below 300 nm.

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METHOD FOR PREPARING LIGHT-ABSORBING POLYMERIC COMPOSITIONS

Related Application

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This application is based upon and claims the priority of provisional application 60/031,478 filed November 27, 1996.

10 Backgwound of the Invention

This invention relates to an improved method for preparing light-absorbing polymeric compositions, which are useful as powders or pellets for incorporation into a variety of thermoplastic resins such as cellulose esters, polyesters, polyolefins, polycarbonates, polyamides, etc. by conventional melt or solution blending techniques. The colored thermoplastic resins thus produced have good clarity, good color development, excellent fastness to light and are useful for a variety of end uses where nonhazardous, nonmigrating, or nonextractable colorants are needed.

It is well-known that thermoplastic polymers may be colored by adding pigments or solvent dyes (e.g., see Thomas G. Weber, Editor, Coloring of Plastics, John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1979). The use of pigments, however, is accompanied by undesirable properties such as opacity, dullness of color, low tintorial strength, etc. Also, difficulties in uniformly blending the insoluble pigments with the thermoplastic resin are often encountered. Also useful for coloring thermoplastic polymers are the solvent dyes (K. Venkataraman, Editor, The Chemistry of Synthetic Dyes, Vol. 8, Academic Press, New York, 1978, pp. 81-131), which provide compositions having improved clarity, brightness in hue and high tinctorial strength, but which 35 may lead to dye migration, extraction, etc. from the colored thermoplastic polymer. These problems are of particular concern when solvent dyes are used to color flexible polymers such as polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene

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and polypropylene which have low glass transition temperatures.

Plastics, paints, printing inks, rubber, cosmetics, and similar materials are typically colored by organic pigments when superior brilliance and tinctorial strength are important. Toxicity considerations have presented chronic problems relative to the use of organic pigments since some have been shown to be potential carcinogens and to cause contact dermatitis.

Plastics are also colored by using color concentrates consisting of physical admixtures of polymers and colorants (usually solvent dyes). However, the use of such physical admixtures to color polymeric materials such as polyester, e.g., poly(ethylene terephthalate) and blends thereof, present a number of problems, including:

Colorant migration during drying of the colored polyester pellets.

Colorant migration during extrusion and colorant accumulation on dies which can cause shutdowns for clean-up. Such colorant migration and accumulation result in time consuming and difficult clean-up, particularly when a polymer of another color is subsequently processed on the same equipment. Colorants may not mix well, for example, when using two or more color cencentrates to obtain a particular

Colorants may diffuse or exude during storage and use of the colored polymeric material.

The colored polymeric compositions which are prepared by the process of this invention eliminate or minimize the aforementioned problems associated with the use of conventional dyes and pigments.

Prior Art

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To attempt to overcome some of the problems mentioned above, particularly as relates to coloring polyesters,

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colored polyester compositions have been prepared by copolymerizing relatively low amounts of monomeric colorants during the polymer preparation (U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,194,571; 5,106,942; 5,102,980; 5,032,670; 4,892,922; 4,740,581; 4,403,092; 4,359,570; 4,267,306 and W092/07913). However, the preparation of these colored polymers require dyes having outstanding thermal stability since the colorants are exposed to very high temperatures for prolonged periods of time necessary for polyester 10 formation, thus severely circumscribing the selection of efficacious colorants. For example, only the nonazo type colorants have been shown to have the adequate thermal stability for copolymerization into polyesters, since azo type compounds do not have the resquite thermal stability 15 for copolymerization.

Furthermore, it is known to prepare polymeric dyes by reacting dyes containing reactive hydroxy and amino groups with organic di-acid chlorides in solvents (U.S. Pat. Nos. 2,994,693; 3,403,200; 4,619,990; 4,778,742; 5,401,612). 20 Although this method of polymer preparation allows the use of a wide range of chromophoric classes, including azo compounds, as colorant monomers, the polymerization reaction in each case involves the use of very reactive organic di-acid chlorides which are toxic and involve difficult to handle inorganic halogen compounds in their 25 preparation and have accompanying problems of hydrolysis in the presence of water which causes serious handling and storage problems. The hydrolysis product (HCl) is particularly corrosive and makes storage of these compounds difficult. Furthermore, since the di-acid 30 chlorides will react with water, the monomeric dyes must be specially dried to avoid side reactions in the polymer preparation.

In a similar attempt to prepare polymeric dyes using 35 relatively low temperatures, polyurethanes have been prepared by reacting dyes bearing two hydroxyalkyl group

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with aliphatic and aromatic isocyanates (U.S. Pat. 5,194,463). However, the organic isocyanates themselves are extremely toxic and present difficult handling problems. They also are reactive with water and thus the reaction requires specially dried monomeric dyes. Also, the colored polyurethanes as a class do not have excellent thermal stability.

It is further known to prepare colored condensation polymers by reacting a polymerizable lactone or a

10 hydroxyalkanoic acid with a dye containing reactive hydroxy group (U.S. Pat. 4,933,426). The procedure again requires relatively high reaction temperatures and prolonged times and use a large excess of the lactone reactant. The method is further hindered by the fact that some lactones are suspected carcinogens.

Light-absorbing polymeric compositions have also been produced by free radical polymerization of vinyl functionalized light-absorbing monomers (U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,310,837; 5,334,710; 5,359,008; 5,434,231 and 5,461,131).

Finally, it is known that one may color plastics, in particular polyolefins, with low melting, cross-linked colored polyester compositions containing residues of terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid, or both, a low-molecular weight trimethylol alkane, i.e., 1,1,1-trimethylol propane and a copolymerizable colorant, said colorant being present at a level of 0.1-25% by weight (U.S. Pat. No. 4,116,923). Difficulties are encountered, however, in preparing these highly cross-linked colored polymers as extreme care with regard to the temperature, amount of vacuum, the level of colorant present, and the reaction time, is necessary in order to attempt to reproduce the same quality of cross-linked colored polyester composition. Further, these colored polyester compositions are brittle or low melting and may cause

35 deterioration in physical properties of themoplastic

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polymers when added in quantities sufficient to produce a high level of coloration.

Practice of the Invention

This invention relates to a method for preparing a light absorbing linear polymeric having Formula I

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wherein A comprises the residue of a diacidic monomer comprising about 1 to 100 mole % of at least one lightabsorbing monomer having a light absorption maximum between about 300 nm and about 1200 nm and wherein the remaining portion of A comprises the residue of a non-15 light absorbing monomer which does not absorb significantly at wavelengths above 300 nm or has a light absorption maximum below 300 nm and wherein B is a divalent organic radical selected from C2-C12 alkylene, 20 C_3-C_8 cycloalkylene, C_1-C_4 alkylene- C_3-C_8 -cycloalkylene-C₁-C₄ alkylene, C₁-C₄ alkylene-arylene- C₁-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene-O- C_2 - C_4 alkylene, and C_2 - C_4 -alkylene-L-arylene- C_2-C_4 alkylene and C_2-C_4 alkylene-(L- C_2-C_4 alkylene)₁₋₄, wherein L is a linking group selected from-O-, -S-, -SO2-, 25 -NH-, -N(C_1 - C_6 alkyl)-, -N(aryl)-, -N(SO_2 C_1 - C_6 alkyl)-, -N(SO₂aryl)-, -SO₂N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)- and combinations thereof; wherein n is at least 2.

The process comprises reacting said diacidic monomer with an organic compound of Formula II

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wherein B is as defined above and X and X₁ reactive groups and are independently selected from bromine, iodine and R-SO₂O; wherein R is selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl; C₁-C₆ alkyl substituted with chlorine, fluorine, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio or C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl; C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl or aryl, with said reaction being carried out in a solvent in the presence of a base; wherein the useful diacid light-absorbing monomers have Formula III

10 H-Y-H

wherein H represents an acidic hydrogen atom; Y is a divalent light-absorbing moiety selected from a variety of chromophoric classes including azo, disazo, bis-azo, methine, arylidene, polymethine, azo-methine, azamethine, anthraquinone, anthrapyridone (3H-dibenz[f,ij]isoquinoline- 2,7-dione, nitroarylamines anthrapyridine (7H-dibenz[f,ij]isoquinoline-7-one,

- phthaloylphenothiazine (14H-naphth[2,3-a] phenothiazine-8,13-dione, benzanthrone(7H (de) anthracene-7-one), anthrapyrimidine(7H-benzo[e] perimidine-7-one), anthrapyrazole, anthraisothiazole, triphenodioxazine, thiaxanthene-9-one, fluorindine (5,12-
- dihydroquinoxaline[2,3-b]phenazine, quinophthalone,
 phthalocyanine, metal phthalocyanine, naphthalocyanine,
 metal naphthalocyanine, nickel dithiolenes, squarylium
 compounds, croconium compounds, coumarin (2H-1-benzopyran2-one), coumarin imine (2H-1-benzopyran-2-imine),
- perinone, benzodifuran, phthaloylacridone, phthaloylphenoxazine (14H-naphtho[2,3-a]phenoxazine-8,13-done, phthaloylacridone (13H-naphtho[2,3-c]acridine-5,8,14-trione), anthraquinonethioxanthane (8H-naphtho[2,3-c]thioxanthene-5,8,13-trione, anthrapyridazone,
- pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole, indigo, thioindigo, quinoline,
 xanthene, acridine, azine, cyanine, oxazine, 1,4 and 1,5-

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naphthoquinones, 2,5-diarylaminoterephthalic acids and esters, pyromellitic acid dimide, naphthalene-1,4,5,8tetracarboxylic acid diimide, 3,4,9,10-pervlenetetracarboxylic acid diimide, 3-aryl- 2,5-dioxypyrroline, 3-aryl-5-dicyanomethylene-2-oxopyrroline, arylisoindoline, hydroxybenzophenone, benoztriazole, naphthotriazole, diminoisoindoline, naphthopyran (3H-naphtho[2,1-6]pyran-3one and 3-imine, phthalimides, 2-arylbenzazoles, carbostyryls, 1,2-diarylethenes, 2,5-diarylthiophenes, 10 2,5-diaryl-1,3,4-oxadiazoles, triazines, 2,5-diarylfurans, 2,5-diaryl-1,3,4-thiadiazoles, thiophenes, 1,3-diphenyl-2pyrazolines, 2-arylbenzofurans, 2,6-diphenylbenzofurans, quinolines, quinoxalines, 3,4-diarylfuanones, distyrylarenes, benzanthrones, polyarenes and 15 naphthalimides; wherein the hydrogen atoms of Formula III are independently bonded to an oxygen, sulfur, or nitrogen atom which is a part of the light absorbing moiety Y; wherein the useful non light-absorbing monomers have Formula IV,

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H-Y₁-H

wherein H represents an acidic hydrogen atom; Y₁ is a

25 divalent moiety, selected from-O₂C-R₁-CO₂- and-O-R₂-Oand-O₂C-R₃-O-, wherein R₁ is selected from C₂-C₁₂ alkylene,
1-4-cyclohexylene, arylene, arylene-O-arylene, aryleneSO₂-arylene, arylene-S-arylene, and C₁-C₄ alkylene-O- C₁-C₄
alkylene; wherein R₂ is selected from arylene, arylene-Oarylene, arylene-S-arylene, arylene-SO₂-arylene,
phenylene-phenylene, and phenylene-C(R₄)₂-phenylene;
wherein R₄ is selected from hydrogen and C₁-C₄ alkyl;
wherein R₃ is selected from arylene.

In diacid light absorbing monomers having Formula

35 III, the hydrogen atoms are preferably attached to an oxygen, a sulfur or a nitrogen atom which in combination

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provides two acidic functional group which can produce the corresponding anions under basic conditions by removal of the protons. The acidic functional groups usually have an acid dissociation constant of about 10^{-1.5} to about 10⁻¹² (pK_b of from about 1.5 to about 12). In the case of nitrogen, both protons may be attached to a single nitrogen which is attached to a sulfonyl moiety thus providing two acidic hydrogens on a single functional group.

Typical, acidic groups which provide one acidic hydrogen include-CO₂H, -SH, -OH attached to an aromatic ring, -CONHCO-, -SO₂-NH-CO-, -SO₂-NH-SO₂-, 1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl-, imidazolyl, benzimidazolyl, pyrazolyl, -SO₂H attached to aromatic ring, -NHSO₂R₅ and-SO₂NHR₅, wherein R₅ is selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl; C₁-C₆ alkyl substituted with at least one group selected from C₁-C₆ alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio or C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl; C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl; aryl.

An example of an acidic functional group providing 20 two acidic hydrogen attached to nitrogen is the sulfamoyl group $(-SO_2NH_2)$.

The preferred method for producing light absorbing polymeric compositions utilizes the monomers of Formula III, wherein the protons are a part of the-CO₂H, OH attached to aromatic ring, -CO-NH-CO- or 1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl functional groups. The carboxy groups are normally attached to an aromatic ring carbon or aliphatic carbon which is a part of Y. The hydroxy groups are normally attached to an unsubstituted or substituted phenyl or naphthyl radical which is a part of Y. The -CO-NHCO- groups are usually attached to an aromatic ring to provide an imide such as phthalimide or naphthalimide which are a part of Y. The 1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl group has the following Formula V, wherein R₅' is

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selected from hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl or aryl. It should be observed that the triazole may exist in isomeric form as follows:

The 1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl group is preferably attached to a sulfur atom which is attached to the remainder of Y.

The method of the invention in the broadest sense involves the preparation of light absorbing polymeric

15 compositions by reacting a diacidic monomer comprising at least 1 mole % of at least one diacidic light absorbing monomer represented by H-A-H with an organic compound containing two reactive groups represented by X-B-X1, where B, X and X1 are as defined above. Thus, the method 20 may be summarized as:

The diacidic monomer H-A-H must be acidic enough to form two nucleophiles in the presence of base under convenient reaction conditions for the most advantageous process. This usually requires that diacidic monomers have pK_s values of about 12 or below.

The dinucleophilic monomer, formed by the removal of the two hydrogen atoms by the base, attacks the

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electrophilic compound II, thus displacing anions X^- and X_1^- , with head-to-tail combination with covalent bonding to produce a linear polymer $\{-A-B\}_n$, wherein n represents the number of repeating units. The number of repeating units must be at least 2, but usually ranges between about 2 and about 25, with the preferred number being between about 3 and about 15.

Suitable bases include alkali metal carbonates; alkali metal bicarbonates; tertiary amines such as triethylamine, tri-n-butylamine, N-methylpiperidine, N,N'-dimethylpiperazine, N-methylmorpholine, N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine, etc.; aromatic nitrogen bases such as pyridines, picolines, quinolines, isoquinolines, N-alkylpyrroles, N-alkylimidazoles, etc.; bicyclic nitrogen containing bases having non-hindered electron pairs, such as 1,8-diazabicyclo[5,4,0]undec-7-ene (DBU), 1,5-diazabicylco[4,3,0]non-5-ene (DBN) and 1,4-diazadicyclo[2,2,2]octane (DABCO®).

reaction include aprotic polar solvents such as N,Ndimethylacetamide, N,N-dimethylformamide, N-methyl-2pyrrolidone, N-methyl-N-phenyl formamide, dimethyl
sulfoxide, aliphatic nitriles, sulfolane, hexamethyl
phosphoramide, etc. and mixtures thereof. Water,
alcohols, ketones pyridine and ether-alcohols, such as the
Cellosolves, also are sometimes useful. One requirement
is that the solvent not form a stronger nucleophile in the
presence of the base than that obtained from the diacidic
monomer H-A-H.

The new improved process of the invention allows the preparation of near ultraviolet (UV-A, UV-B and UV-C), visible and near infrared light absorbing linear polymeric compositions at relatively low temperatures, usually at from about 75°C to about 125°C, without prolonged heating times. Furthermore, the method is adaptable to batch-process production which is advantageous for expensive

products such as colorants, near infrared absorbers and near ultraviolet absorbers. The method is adaptable to a wide range of chromophoric classes since the polymer preparative reaction is carried out at relatively low temperature, which for example, allows colored polymeric compositions to be readily prepared from the very important azo class of colorants.

The preferred reactants of Formula II

10 X-B-X₁

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are the disulfonate compounds where X and X_1 are both a sulfonate ester of the formula-OSO₂R, wherein R is selected from C_1 - C_4 alkyl, phenyl or p-methylphenyl and wherein B is selected from C_2 - C_6 alkylene, $-CH_2$ -1,4-cyclohexylene- CH_2 -1,4-cyclohexylene-1,4-cyclohexylene, $-CH_2$ CH₂(OCH₂CH₂)₂₋₃ and $-CH_2$ CH₂O-1,4-phenylene-O-1,4-CH₂CH₂CH₂-1,4-CH₂CH₂CH₂-1,4-CH₂CH₂CH₂-1,4-CH₂CH₂CH₂-1,4-CH₂CH₂CH₂-1,4-CH₂CH₂CH₂-1,4-CH₂CH₂CH₂-1,4-CH₂CH₂CH₂-1,4-CH₂CH₂CH₂-1,4-CH₂CH₂CH₂-1,4-Cyclohexylene-CH₂-1,

Typical reactants of Formula II are as follows:

CH3SO2OCH2CH2OSO2CH3

1,2-Ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate

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1,2-Ethanediol, bis(4-methylbenzenesulfonate)

CH₃SO₂O(CH₂)₆OSO₂CH₃ 1,6-Hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate CH₃
CH₃SO₂OCH₂CCH₂OSO₂CH₃
CH₃
1.3-Propenediol,2,2-dimethyldimethenesulfonate

CH₃SO₂OCH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂OSO₂CH₃ Ethanol,2,2'-oxyble-, dimethanesulfonate

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The invention also relates to a light absorbing linear polymeric composition having Formula Ia:

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Ia

wherein A₁ comprises the residue of at least one diacidic monomer having a light absorption maximum between about 300 nm and about 1200 nm, preferably between about 325 nm and 1100 nm and most preferably between about 350 nm and 1000 nm and wherein B is defined above and which has been prepared by reacting a diacid light-absorbing monomer of Formula III (H-Y-H) as defined above with an organic compound having Formula II (X-B-X₁) as defined above, with the polymer producing reaction having been carried out in a solvent in the presence of base.

The invention also relates to a light absorbing linear polymeric composition having Formula Ib

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$$A_2$$
B $\frac{1}{n}$

Ib

wherein A₂ comprises the residue of at least one diacidic 25 monomer, having a light absorption maximum between about 300 nm and about 1200 nm, preferably between about 325 nm and 1100 nm and most preferably between about 350 nm and 1000 nm and which comprises at least about 50% by weight of the total of the composition of Formula Ib and wherein 30 the remainder of A₂ comprises the residue of at least one non-light absorbing monomer of Formula IV above, and

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wherein said polymeric composition has been prepared by reacting diacidic monomers of Formula III and Formula IV with an organic compound having Formula II above, with the polymer producing reaction having been carried out in a solvent in the presence of base.

The polymer compositions of Formula I, Ia, and Ib are referred to as "polydyes" herein when they absorb visible light thus rendering them strongly colored.

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The invention further relates to a thermoplastic polymeric composition which comprises a thermoplastic polymer blended with at least one light absorbing linear polymeric composition of Formula I, Ia or Ib above. The

- thermoplastic polymeric composition is usually selected from polyesters, polyolefins, polyamides, polyimides, polyvinyl chloride, polyurethanes, polycarbonates, cellulose esters, polyacrylates, polyvinylesters, polyester-amides, polystyrene, polyacrylonitrile-
- 20 butadiene- styrene and polystyrene-acrylonitrile. The preferred thermoplastic polymeric composition comprises the light-absorbing polymeric compositions of Formula Ia.

The invention also relates to some of the diacidic light absorbing monomers used to prepare the light absorbing polymeric composition of Formula I, Ia, or Ib.

Preferred azo compounds useful in the practice of the invention correspond to Formula VI

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R₆-N=N-Z VI

wherein R_6 is the residue of an aromatic or heteroaromatic 35 amine which has been dizactized and coupled with a coupling component H-Z and is preferably derived from the

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aromatic and heteroaromatic amine classes of aniline, 1aminonaphthalene, 1-aminoanthraquinone, 4-aminoazobenzene, 2-aminothiazole, 2-aminobenzothiazole, 3-amino-2,1-benzisothiazole, 2-aminothieno[2,3-d]thiazole, 5-aminoisothiazole, 5-aminopyrazole, 4-aminopyrazoloisothiazole, 2-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazole, 5amino-1,2,4-thiadiazole, 5-amino-1,2,3-triazole, 2-amino-1,3,4-triazole, 2(5) aminoimidazole, 3-aminopyridine, 2(3) aminothiophene, 2(3) aminobenzo[b]thiophene, 2-10 aminothieno[3,2-b]thiophene, 3-aminothieno[2,3c]isothiazole, 3-amino-7-benz- 2,1-isothiazole, 3aminobenzothienoisothiazole, 3-aminoisothiazole[3,4d]pyrimidine, 5-amino- 1,2,3-triazole, 3(4) aminophthalimide and 5(6) amino-1,2-benzisothiazolon-1,1-15 dioxide with said aromatic and heteroaromatic ring systems being unsubstituted or substituted with one or more groups selected from C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, carboxy, halogen, C1-C6 alkoxycarbonyl, formyl, C1-C6 alkanoyl, C1-C6 alkanoyloxy, dicyanovinyl, C3-20 Co-cycloalkanoyl, thiocyano, trifluroacetyl, cyano, carbamoyl, -CONH C1-C6 alkyl, CONHaryl, CON(C1-C6 alkyl)2, sulfamoyl, SO_2NH C_1-C_6 alkyl, $SO_2N(C_1-C_6$ alkyl)₂, SO_2NH aryl, SO_2NH C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, CONH C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, aryl, aroyl, -NHSO₂ C_1 - C_6 alkyl, -N(C_1 - C_6 alkyl)SO₂ C_1 - C_6 alkyl, -NHSO₂ 25 aryl, NHCO C_1 - C_6 alkyl, NHCO C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, NHCOaryl, NHCO2 C1-C6 alkyl, NHCONH C1-C6 alkyl, NHCONHaryl, N(C1-C6 alkyl)aryl, arylazo, heteroaryl, aryloxy, arylthio, C3-C8 cycloalkoxy, heteroarylazo, heteroarylthio, arylsulfonyl, tricyanovinyl, aryloxysulfonyl, C1-C6 alkylsulfonyl, trifluoromethyl, fluorosulfonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, 30 thiocyano, hydroxy, nitro or CH=D, wherein D is the residue of an active methylene compound as defined below. Z is the residue of an electron rich coupling component selected from the classes of anilines, 1-35 aminonaphthalenes, 1,2-dihydroquinolines,1,2,3,4teterahydroquinolines, benzmorpholines (3,4-dihydro-2H-

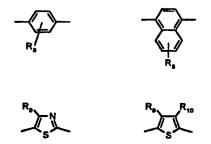
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1,4-benzoxazine), pyrazolones, pyrazoles, 3-cyano-6-hydroxy-2-pyridones, 2,3-dihydroindoles, indoles, 4-hydroxycoumarins, 4-hydroxy-2-quinolones, imidazo[2,1-b]thiazoles, julolidines (2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5H-benzo[ij]quinolizines), 1-oxajulolidines, 1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-4H-pyrrolo[3,2,1-ij]quinolines, 2,6-diamino-3 cyanopyridines, 2-aminothiazoles, 2-aminothiophenes, 5,5-dimethyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione (dimedone), phenols, naphthols, 2,4-pentanediones or acetoacetarylides; with the proviso that the compounds of Formula VI contain two acidic functional groups containing one acidic hydrogen each or contain one sulfamoyl group (-SO₂NH₂) which contains two acidic hydrogens.

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wherein R_6 and Z are as defined above and R_7 is a divalent aromatic or heteroaromatic radical selected from the classes 1,4-phenylene, naphthalene-1,4-diyl, thiazol-2,5-diyl and thiophene-2,5-diyl:



wherein R₈ is selected from hydrogen or 1-2 groups
25 selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, cyano, halogen,
-NHCO C₁-C₆ alkyl, -NHCO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, -NHCO aryl, -NHCONH
aryl or NHCONH C₁-C₆ alkyl; R₉ is selected from hydrogen,
C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, aryl, heteroaryl; R₁₀ is selected
from hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, carbamoyl,

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aryl, arylsulfonyl, aroyl, -CONH C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfonyl; with the provision that two acidic functional groups containing one acidic hydrogen each or one functional group containing two acidic hydrogens are present on compounds of Formula VII.

The preferred methine, arylidene, polymethine, azamethine, 3-aryl-2,5-dioxypyrroline, 3-aryl-5-dicyanomethylene-2-oxopyrroline and aryl isoindoline compounds correspond to Formula VIII, VIIIa, VIIIb, IX, X, XI and XII, respectively:

wherein R₁₁ is the residue of an aniline, 1-naphthylamine,
1,2-dihydroquinoline, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, 1,3,3trimethyl- 2-methyleneindole, 1,3-dihydro-2-methylene1,1,3-trimethyl-2H-benz[e]indole, imidazo [2,1-b]
thiazole, benzomorpholine (3,4-dihydro-2H1,4,benzoxazine), indole, 2,3-dihydroindole, 2aminothiazole, julolidine (2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H, 5H- benz
[ij] quinolizine, 1-oxajulolidine, 4H-pyrrolo [3,2,1-ij]quinoline, phenol, naphthol, thiophenol, pyrrole,

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pyrazole, furan, thiophene, carbazole, phenothiazine or phenoxazine compound; R_{12} is selected from hydrogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_8 alkenyl, C_3-C_8 -alkynyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, aryl, $\{CH_2CH_2O\}_{1-3}$ R₁₃ and C₁-C₄ alkylene- C₃-C₈ cycloalkylene, wherein the C1-C6 alkyl groups may be substituted by at least one group selected from carboxy, C1-C6 carbalkoxy, C1-C6 alkanoyloxy, cyano, hydroxy, chlorine, fluorine, C1-C6 alkoxy, C3-C8 cycloalkyl or aryl; R_{13} is selected from hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkoxy or C_1-C_6 10 alkanoyloxy; wherein D is the residue of an active methylene compound selected from malononitrile, α cyanoacetic acid esters, malonic acid esters, \alpha-cyanacetic acid amides, α -C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonylacetonitriles, α arylsulfonylacetonitriles, α - C_1 - C_6 alkanoylacetonitriles, 15 α -aroylacetonitriles, α -heteroarylacetonitriles, bis(heteroaryl)methanes, 1,3-indanediones, 2-furanones, benzo-2-furanones, naphtho-2-furanones, 2-indolones, 3cyano-1,6-dihydro-4-methyl-2,6-dioxy (2H)-pyridines, benzo (b) thieno-3-ylidene propane dinitrile-5,5-dioxides, 1,3-20 bis (dicyanomethylene) indanes, barbituric acid, 5pyrazolones, dimedone, 3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1-benzothiophene-1,1-dioxides or aryl-C(CH₃)C=C(CN)₂, with the proviso that two acidic functional groups containing one acidic hydrogen each, or a functional group containing two acidic 25 hydrogens are present in compounds of Formula VIII, VIIIa, VIIIb, IX, X, XI, and XII.

Preferred azo-methine compounds corresond to Formula XIII

 $D=HC-R_{1}-N=N-Z$ XIII

wherein D, R_7 and Z are as defined previously. The bis-azo compound corresponds to Formula VIIa

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 $R_6-N=N-Y_1N=N-R_6$

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VIIa

wherein R₆ is as defined above and Y₁ is the residue of a bis coupling component selected from the classes of anilines, 1,2-dihydroquinolines, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolines, benzomorpholines (3,4-dihydro-2H-1,4-benzoxazines), 3-cyano-6-hydroxy-2-pyridones, 2,6-diaminopyridines, 2,3-dihydroindoles, naphthylamines, 2-aminothiazoles, or a combination of these; with the provision the compounds of Formula VIIa contain two acidic functional groups containing one acidic hydrogen each or contain one sulfamoyl group (-SO₂NH₂) which contains two acidic hydrogens.

Several diacid monomers which are described in U.S.

15 Patent Nos. 4,804,719 and 3,689,501 are useful in the practice of the invention, including various anthraquinones, anthrapyridones, anthraisothiazoles, anthrapyrimidines, anthrapyrimidones, phthaloylacridones, etc.

Some of the preferred anthraquinone, anthrapyridone and anthrapyrimidine compounds correspond to the light absorbing compounds of Formulae XIV- XIXf

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$$R_{14} \longrightarrow R_{18} \longrightarrow R$$

wherein R₁₄ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-4 groups selected from amino, C₁-C₁₀ alkylamino, C₃-C₈ alkenylamino, C₃-C₈ alkynylamino, C₃-C₆ cycloalkylamino, arylamino, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, aryl, aroyl, C₁-C₆ alkanoyl, C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, NHCO C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHCOaryl, NHCO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHSO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHSO₂ aryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy, arylthio, heteroarylthio, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, thiocyano, SO₂C₁-C₆ alkyl, SO₂ aryl, -SO₂NH C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, -SO₂N(C₁-C₆ alkyl) aryl, CONH C₁-C₆ alkyl, CON(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, CON(C₁-C₆ alkyl) aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, furfurylamino,

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tetrahydrofurfurylamino, 4-(hydroxymethyl) cyclohexanemethylamino,

-NH-CHCH₂SO₂CH₂CH₂

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or hydroxy; Q and Q' are independently selected from-O-, $-N(COR_{10})-$, $-N(SO_2R_{10})-$, $-N(R_{10})-$, -S-, $-SO_2-$, $-CO_2-$, -CON(R_{10})-, SO_2N (R_{10})-, wherein R_{10} is selected from hydrogen, aryl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, or C_1-C_{10} alkyl; R_{15} is 10 selected from hydrogen, cyano, C_1 - C_6 alkylamino, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, halogen, arylthio, aryl, heteroaryl, heteroarylthio, C1-C6 alkoxycarbonyl, aroyl or arylsulfonyl; R_{16} is selected from hydrogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_θ cycloalkyl and aryl; R_{16} is selected from the group 15 consisting of hydrogen, one or two groups selected from C_1-C_6 alkyl, halogen and C_1-C_6 alkoxy; wherein each C_1-C_6 alkyl group and C_1 - C_6 alkyl group which is a portion of another group may contain at least one substituent selected from hydroxy, cyano, chlorine, fluorine, C1-C6 20 alkoxy, C3-C8 cycloalkoxy, C1-C6 alkylcyclohexyl, hydroxmethyl cyclohexyl, aryl and heteroaryl; with the provision that two acidic groups containing one acidic proton each or one acidic group containing two acidic hydrogens be present in the compounds of Formula XIV-25 XIXf.

Typical coupler residues which are represented by Z above in Formulae VI, VII, XIII for the classes of azo, disazo and azo-methine compounds, respectively include:

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wherein R_{17} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-2 groups selected from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6

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alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, -O-C₂-C₆ alkylene-OH, O-C₂-C₆
alkylene-C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, C₁-C₆ alkylene-OH, C₁-C₆
alkylene-C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, halogen, carboxy, C₁-C₆
alkoxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, NHCOR₂₄, NHCO₂R₂₄,

NHCON(R₂₄)R₂₅, and NHSO₂R₂₅, wherein R₂₄ is selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl or aryl, R₂₅ is selected from C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl or aryl wherein each C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group in R₂₄ and R₂₅ may be further substituted with one or more groups selected from C₃-C₈

cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, CO₂H, CO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, cyano, hydroxy, succinimido, C₁-C₆ alkoxy,

$$-s-c \bigvee_{N>0-R_5} -o -c \bigvee_{CO_2H} -o -c \bigvee_{R_{16}} so_2NH_2$$

wherein R_5 ', R_{16} ' and Q are as defined above; R_{18} and R_{19} are independently selected from hydrogen, unsubstituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 alkenyl, C_3 - C_8 alkynyl and aryl or R_{18} and R_{19} may be combined with another element to which they are attached to form a radical Z having the formula

wherein Q_2 is selected from a covalent bond, -O-, -S-, 25 -SO₂-, -CO-, -CO₂-, -N-(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(CO C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(SO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(CO aryl)-, or-N(SO₂ aryl); R_{20} , R_{21}

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and R_{22} are independently selected from the group consisting of or C_1 - C_6 alkyl; R_{23} is selected from hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl.

Typical electron, rich aromatic residues which are represented by R_{11} in Formulae VIII- XII include:

wherein R_{26} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a group selected from C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, CO_2H ,

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 C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_1-C_6 alkoxy; wherein $R_{17}-R_{23}$ are as defined previously.

Preferred coumarin compounds useful in the practice of the invention correspond to the following formulae:

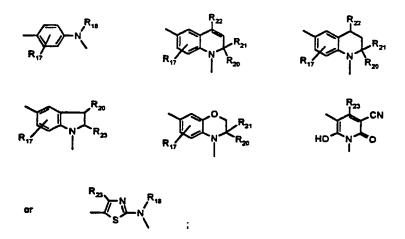
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wherein Z_3 is selected from cyano, C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, aryl, heteroaryl, formyl, aroyl, C_1 - C_6 alkanoyl or-CH=D, wherein D, R_{17} , R_{18} and R_{19} are as defined previously with the provision that the coumarin compounds contain two acidic functional groups containing one acidic hydrogen each or contain one sulfamoyl $(-SO_2NH_2)$ group which contains two acidic 15 hydrogens.

Typical coupler residues which are represented by Y1 in Formula VIIa above include those of the formula $(Z_1-L_1 Z_2$) wherein Z_1 and Z_2 are independently selected from



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wherein L₁ is bonded to the nitrogen atom of Z₁ and Z₂; wherein L₁ is selected from C₂-C₁₂ alkylene, C₃-C₈ cycloalkylene, arylene, C₁-C₄ alkylene-C₃-C₈ cycloalkylene-C₁-C₄ alkylene, C₁-C₄ alkylene-C₁-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene-O-arylene-O-C₂-C₄ alkylene, -C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene-N(SO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl)-C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene-N(SO₂ aryl)-C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene-O₂C-C₁-C₁₂ alkylene-CO₂-C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene-O₂C-C₃-C₈ cycloalkylene-CO₂-C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene-NHCO-C₂-C₄ alkylene and C₂-C₄ alkylene-NHSO₂-C₂-C₄ alkylene; wherein R₁₇, R₁₆, R₂₀, R₂₁, R₂₂, and R₂₃ are as defined previously.

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15 In the above definitions it is intended that in the terms C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkylthio, C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfonyl, C_1 - C_6 alkanoyl, -CONH C_1 - C_6 alkyl, $-SO_2NH$ C_1-C_6 alkyl, $-CON(C_1-C_6$ alkyl)₂, $-SO_2N(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl)₂, -NHSO₂ C_1 - C_6 alkyl, -N(C_1 - C_6 alkyl) SO₂ C_1 - C_6 alkyl, 20 etc. unless otherwise stated that the $C_1\text{--}C_6$ alkyl portion of the group refers to a straight or branched chain alkyl group containing one to six carbon atoms and these substituted with one or more groups selected from carboxy, cyano, -SO₂NH₂, SO₂NH C₁-C₆ alkyl, cyano, fluorine, 25 chlorine, C1-C6 alkoxy, aryloxy, aryl, heteroaryl, arylthio, heteroarylthio, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl, $-O_2$ C C_1 - C_6 alkyl or-CO2 C1-C6 alkyl.

The terms C_1 - C_4 alkylene, C_2 - C_4 alkylene, C_1 - C_6 alkylene, C_2 - C_6 alkylene, and C_2 - C_{12} alkylene are used to refer to divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon radicals containing one to four carbon atoms, two to four carbon atoms one to six carbon atoms, two to six carbon atoms, or two to twelve carbon atoms, respectively, and these optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, hydroxy, $-O_2$ C C_1 - C_6 alkyl, carboxy, CO_2 C_1 - C_6 alkyl, chlorine, fluorine, aryl or aryloxy.

The terms C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl and C_3 - C_8 cycloalkylene are used to refer to fully saturated monovalent and divalent cycloaliphatic radicals, respectively, and these substituted by one or more C_1 - C_6 alkyl groups.

The terms C_3-C_8 alkenyl and C_3-C_8 alkynyl are used to refer to straight or branced hydrocarbon radicals containing at least one double bond or at least one triple bond, respectively.

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In the terms aryl, NH aryl, aryloxy, aroyl,

arylthio, arylsulfonyl, aryloxysulfonyl, -N(SO₂ aryl)-,
-N(CO aryl)-, NHCO aryl, -NH CONH aryl, NHSO₂, aryl, etc.,
the aryl portion of the group represents phenyl and
naphthyl and these substituted with one or more groups
selected from-CO₂H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, CO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, SO₂NH₂,

SO₂NH C₁-C₆ alkyl, hydroxy, O C₁-C₆ alkyl, S C₁-C₆ alkyl,
phenyl, O-arylene-CO₂H, -S-arylene-CO₂H, SO₂ arylene-CO₂H,
halogen, NHSO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, trifluoromethyl, NH CO C₁-C₆
alkyl, cyano, or 1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-ylthio.

The term arylene is used to represent 1,2-, 1,3-, and 1,4- phenylene and these optionally substituted with one or more groups mentioned above as possible substituents on the aryl radical.

The term "heteroaryl" is used to describe a 5 or 6 membered heterocyclic aromatic ring containing one oxygen 25 atom, and/or one sulfur atom, and/or up to three nitrogen atoms, said heterocyclic aryl ring optionally fused to one or two phenyl rings or another 5 or 6-membered heteroaryl ring. Examples of such ring systems include thienyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, triazolyl, thiadiazolyl, oxadiazolyl, tetrazolyl, thiatriazolyl, oxatriazolyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, thiazinyl, oxazinyl, triazinyl, thiadiazinyl, oxadiazinyl, dithiazinyl, dioxazinyl, oxathiazinyl, tetrazynyl, 35 thiatriazinyl, oxatriazinyl, dithiadiazinyl, imidazolinyl, dihydropyrimidyl, tetrahydropyrimidyl, tetrazolo [1,5-b]-

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pyridazinyl and purinyl, benzoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzimidazolyl, indolyl, and the like and those rings substituted with one or more substituents listed above in the definition of the term "aryl".

The term halogen is used to refer to fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine.

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In the above definitions the unsubstituted and substituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl groups or portion of groups mentioned refer to fully saturated hydrocarbon radicals containing one to ten carbon atoms, either straight or branched chain, and such alkyl radicals substituted with one or more of the following: C3-C8 cycloalkyl, aryl, hydroxy, cyano, -O-C2-C4 alkylene OH, -O-C2-C4 alkylene O2 C-C₁-C₆ alkyl, -S-C₂-C₄ alkylene-OH, chlorine, fluorine, 15 $-O-C_1-C_6$ alkyl, -O-aryl, $-SO_2$ aryl, $-SO_2-C_1-C_6$ alkyl, 2pyrrolidino, phthalimidino, phthalimido, succinimido, glutarimido, o-benzoic sulfimide, vinyl sulfonyl, -NHCO C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHCOH, -NHSO₂-C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHSO₂ aryl, -NHCO aryl, $-NH-CO_2-C_1-C_6$ alkyl, $-SO_2NH_2$, $-SO_2-NH-C_1-C_6$ alkyl, $-SO_2N-(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})_2$, $-CO_2-C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl}$, $CONH_2$, $-CONH-C_1-C_6$ alkyl, -CO2-aryl, -CON(C1-C6 alkyl)2, -CONH aryl, -CONH(C_1 - C_6 alkyl) aryl, -SO₂N(C_1 - C_6 alkyl) aryl, -SO₂-NH-C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, -CONH-C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, -OCO₂-C₁-C₆ alkyl, -O C2-C4 alkylene CN; groups of the formulae:

wherein Y2 is selected from 1,2-phenylene; 1,2 pheylene substituted with C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, $-CO_2H$, 30 -CO2 C1-C5 alkyl or nitro; C2-C4 alkylene, vinylene, -O CH2- $-SCH_2-$, $-CH_2OCH_2-$, $-OCH_2CH_2-$, $-CH_2SCH_2-$, $-NHCH_2-$,

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-NHCH₂CH₂, -N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)CH₂-, NHC(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, -N(C₁-C₆ alkyl) CH₂CH₂ or-NHC (aryl)₂-; groups of the formulae:

-SR₂₅, -SO₂CH₂CH₂SR₂₅, -OCH₂CH₂SR₂₅,

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wherein R_{26} is selected from hydrogen, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_2 - C_4 alkylene-OH, C_2 - C_4 alkylene-CO₂H, C_2 - C_4 alkylene- CO₂ C_1 - C_6 alkyl, chloro, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 alkylene-arylene-CO₂H, C_2 - C_4 alkylene-O-arylene-CO₂H or C_2 - C_4 alkylene-S-arylene-CO₂H and R_5 ' R_{17} , R_{25} and Q are as defined previously:

The term "light absorbing" is used to indicate the property of absorbing near ultra violet, visible or near infrared light, more particularly absorbing light between the wavelengths of 300-1200 nm, preferably between about 325 nm and 1100 nm, and most preferably between about 325 nm and 1000 nm.

Typical aromatic amines which are useful as the coupling components to prepare compounds of Formulae VI, VII and VIII and as intermediates for preparing the compounds of Formula VIII, VIIIa, IX, X, XI and XII are as follows:

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wherein Q, R_5 , R_{17} , R_{18} , R_{19} , R_{20} , R_{21} , R_{22} and R_{23} are as defined previously.

Typical diazotizable amines $(R_6\ NH_2)$ useful in the preparation of azo, disazo and bis-azo compounds of Formulae VI, VII, and VIIa, respectively, are adequately disclosed in the literature, e.g.:

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U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,438,961; 3,573,273; 3,639,384; 3,707,532; 3,790,557; 3,816,388; 3,816,392; 3,878,189; 3,980,634; 4,012,372; 4,039,522; 4,049,643; 4,083,684; 4,083,844; 4,097,475;4,105,655; 4,119,621; 4,140,683; 4,180,503; 4,189,428; 4,207,233; 4,211,696; 4,264,495; 4,283,332; 4,400,318; 4,431,585; 4,456,551; 4,487,719; 4,542,207; 4,564,673; 4,619,991; 4,621,136; 4,650,861; 20 4,668,775; 4,734,490; 4,751,288; 4,760,133; 4,764,600; 4,837,269; 4,841,036; 4,843,153; 4,888,432; 4,960,874; 5,037,966; 5,132,411; 5,144,015; 5,283,326; 5,296,325; 5,352,774.

Typical coupling components H-Z useful in preparing azo compounds, disazo and azo-methine compounds of Formula VI, VII and XIII, respectively, are disclosed in the literature, e.g: H. R. Schwander, Dyes and Pigments, 3(1982) 133-160; L. Shuttleworth and M. Weaver, Chem. Appl. Dyes, 1990, 107-63, edited by D. Waring and G. Hallas, Plenum, New York, NY; U.S. Patent No. 3,639,384; 3,639,385; 3,657,215; 3,673,169; 3,816,388; 3,829,410; 3,919,188; 3,950,130; 3,980,634; 4,041,025; 4,097,475; 4,119,621; 4,179,435; 4,234,482; 4,283,332; 4,341,700; 4,400,318; 4,431,585; 4,396,547; 4,619,992; 4,642,339; 4,650,861; 4,668,775; 4,764,600; 4,837,269; 4,843,153; 5,235,047; 5,283,326; 5,352,774.

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Typical active methylene compounds useful in the preparation of methine, arylidene, polymethine, azamethine and azo-methine compounds corresponding to Formulae VIII, VIIIa, VIIIb, IX and XIII, respectively, are disclosed in the literature, e.g. U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,338,247; 4,617,373; 4,617,374; 4,707,537; 4,749,774; 4,826,903; 4,845,187; 4,950,732; 4,981,516 and 5,283,326.

According to the present invention the lightabsorbing polymeric compositions are incorporated into a 10 wide variety of thermoplastic polymers using conventional techniques, e.g. solution or melt blending, such as those employed to incorporate other additives in such polymers (see R. Gächter and H. Müeller, Editors: Plastics Additives Handbook, Hansu Publishers, New York, 1985, pp. 15 507-533; 729-741). For example, the light absorbing polymeric compositions may be dry blended in the form of pellets or powders with or without adhesion promoters or dispersing agents. This premix can be subsequently processed on extruders or injection molding machines. Other conventional additives such as plasticizers, nucleating agents, flame retardants, lubricants, etc. may also be present in the final

A wide range of thermoplastic polymers useful for

25 blending with the light absorbing polymeric compositions
are known in the art and includes the homopolymers,
copolymers and blends of polyesters, e.g., poly(ethylene
terephthalate); polyolefins, e.g., polypropylene,
polyethylene, linear low density polyethylene,

30 polybutylene, and copolymers made from ethylene, propylene
and/or butylene; copolymers from acrylonitrile, butadiene,
and styrene; copolymers from styrene and acrylonitrile;
polyamides, e.g., Nylon 6 and Nylon 66; polyvinyl
chloride; polyurethanes; polyvinylidene chloride;

35 polycarbonates; cellulose esters, e.g., cellulose acetate,
propionate, butyrate, or mixed esters; polyacrylates,

thermoplastic composition.

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e.g., poly(methyl methacrylate); polyimides; polyesteramides; polystyrene; and mixtures or blends thereof etc.

It should also be appreciated that a multiplicity of colors may be obtained by combining individual colors, e.g., subtractive colors such as yellow, magenta and cyan according to known color technology (see N. Ohta, Photographic Science and Engineering. Volume 15, No. 5, Sept. - Oct. 1971, pp. 395-415).

The particular chromophore groups present will, of course, determine the color (hue + value + chroma) of the colored polymer composition and finally the color (hue + value + chroma) of the thermoplastic polymer blends of the present invention. A large gamut of colors may be obtained, as noted above.

15 The actual amount of the light absorbing polymers used in combination with thermoplastic polymer will depend upon the inherent tinctorial strength of the chromophore used to prepare the light absorbing polymer, the mole % of the light absorbing monomer used to prepare the light 20 absorbing polymer and the required level of light absorption necessary to achieve a certain property. Typically, the amount of light-absorbing polymer added to the thermoplastic polymer is such that the total amount of light-absorbing polymer in the final thermoplastic blend is from about .001% by weight to about 20% by weight, 25 preferably from about 0.01% by weight to about 10% by weight. The final thermoplastic polymer blends thus provided are useful as a variety of molded and extruded articles, including thick and thin plastic films, plastic sheeting, molded plastic articles, containers and fibers, 30 and the like.

When the light-absorbing polymeric compositions absorb visible light they may be used to impart light or heavy shades of a variety of colors to thermoplastics. Certain compounds which possess unique visible light-absorbing properties are useful also as toners in

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imparting a desirable neutral to slightly blue hue to polyesters having a yellow appearance as described in U.S. Patent 5,384,377, which discloses the copolymerization of certain thermally stable colorants for this purpose during polyester manufacture. Some of the infra-red absorbing polymeric compositions are useful in imparting invisible markings to thermoplastics as described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,461,136, wherein the infrared absorbing compounds are fluorescent in the near infrared and are copolymerized 10 into the thermoplastic condensation polymer during manufacture. The ultra violet absorbing polymeric compositions may be used to impart ultra violet (UV) light screening properties to the thermoplastics; to serve as optical brighteners for the thermoplastics or to serve as 15 UV stabilizers for the polymers themselves or for other light absorbers such as colorants.

The weight average molecular weights (Mw) and the number average molecular weights (Mn) of the polymeric compositions were determined using gel permeation chromatography (GPC) analysis.

The following examples illustrate further the practice of the invention.

25 Example 1

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A mixture of 1,5-bis(2-carboxyphenylthio) anthraquinone (25.60 g, 0.05 mole), 1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (10.90 g, 0.05 mole), potassium carbonate (13.82 g, 0.10 mole) and N-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (NMP) (400 mL) was heated with stirring at 125°C for 1.0 hr. The reaction mixture was poured into methanol (600 mL) with stirring. The yellow polymeric product was collected by filtration and washed with methanol until filtrate was essentially clear. The methanol- wet filter cake was slurried in 1.0 L of water, the mixture acidified by the addition of acetic acid and

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the yellow product was collected by filtration, washed with hot water and dried in air (yield- 21.16 g). By gel permeation chromatography (GPC) the polymeric product has a weight average molecular weight of 6,083, and number average molecular weight of 3,000 and a polydispersity value of 2.03.

Example 2

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A mixture of a blue anthraquinone compound (19.65 g 10 0.03 mole) containing two carboxy groups and having the following structure:

15 1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (6.54g, 0.03m), potassium carbonate (8.28 g, 0.06 mole) and N, Ndimethylformamide (DMF) (100 mL) was heated with stirring at about 95°C for 1.5 hr. The reaction mixture became too thick to stir effectively and additional DMF (50 mL) was 20 added to facilitate stirring. Stirred about 15 min. longer at about 95°C, and then added methanol (100 mL) with good stirring to the slightly cooled reaction mixture. The blue polymeric product was collected by filtration and washed with methanol. The methanol-wet 25 filter cake was added to water (600 mL) and the mixture was acidified with acetic acid, and then the polymeric product was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield 18.18 g). By GPC analysis the blue polymer had a molecular weight average of 3,038, a number average molecular weight of 1,814 and a polydispersity of

Example 2a

A mixture of 1,5-bis (isobutylamino)-4,8dibromoanthraquinone (25.3 g, 0.05 mole), thiosalicylic 5 acid (23.1 g, 0.15 mole), anhydrous K₂CO₃ (20.7 g, 0.15 mole), cupric chloride dihydrate (1.2 g) and DMF (250 mL) was heated at 90-95°C with stirring for 2.0 hours. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) using 1:1 tetrahydrofuran (THF): cyclohexane showed complete conversion of the red starting material to the desired blue polar product. 10 reaction mixture was allowed to cool and then was drowned into water (800 mL). The blue solid was precipitated by acidification with acetic acid with stirring. The mixture was heated to about 60°C with occasional stirring and the 15 solid was collected by filtration, washed with hot water and dried in air. Further purification was accomplished by reslurrying the product in hot methanol (300 mL), allowing to cool to room temperature, collecting by filtration, washing with methanol and air drying to yield 20 the starting material (31.5 g) for Example 2.

Example 2b

1,5-Bis(isobutylamino)anthraquinone (28.0 g, 0.08 mole) was added to DMF (300 mL) and the mixture stirred at room 25 temperature. A solution of 1,3-dibromo-5,5dimethylhydantoin (23.0 g, 0.08 m) dissolved in DMF (75.0 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture while warming to about 50°C. After complete addition of the brominating agent, the reaction mixture was heated at 50-30 60°C for 1.5 hours, allowed to cool and then drowned by gradual addition to water (500 mL) with stirring. The red product was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air. The yield of product was 39.6 g and field desorption mass spectrum analysis (FDMS) showed the 35 product to be 1,5-bis(isobutylamino)-4,8dibromoanthraquinone used as the intermediate in Example 2a.

Example 2c

A mixture of 1,5-dichloroanthraquinone (69.5 g, 0.25 mole), isobutylamine (100 g, 1.4 mole) and 2-ethoxyethanol (400 mL) was heated at reflux for 36.0 hours and allowed to cool. Methanol (400 mL) was added to make the mixture containing the crystallized product more stirrable. The dark red product was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, reslurried in hot methanol and allowed to cool, collected by filtration, washed with methanol and dried in air (yield - 67.7 g). FDMS showed the product to be the 1,5-bis(isobutylamino)anthraquinone in high purity which was used as the starting material for Example 2b.

Example 3

A mixture of an azo compound (2.93 g, 0.005 m) containing two 1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-thio groups and having 20 the following structure:

1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (1.08 g, 0.005 mole),
25 potassium carbonate (1.50 g) and DMF (25.0 mL) was heated
at about 95°C with stirring for 2.5 hrs. The reaction
mixture was drowned into methanol (150 mL) and the red
polymeric product was collected by filtration, washed with
water containing a little acetic acid and then washed with
30 hot water and dried in air (yield- 2.35 g). The polymer
by GPC analysis had a weight average molecular weight of

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5,396, a number average molecular weight of 3,044 and a polydispersity value of 1.77.

Example 4

Eastar® PETG copolyester 6763, a poly(ethylene-1,4-cyclohexanedimethylene) terephthalate, (Eastman Chemical Co.) (400 g. of previously dried pellets) was dry blended with the yellow anthraquinone polymeric composition (0.12 g) of Example 1. The blend was extruded with a C. W.

Brabender ¾ in. extruder, equipped with a mixing screw, at 250°C into a water bath and the extrudate pelletized.

The pellets were redried at 70°C for about 17 hrs. at a pressure of about 1-5 torr. A portion of the dried pellets (1.40g) was pressed into a 18-20 mil film at 250°C using a 2-inch diameter circular mold in a Pasadena Hydraulic, Inc. press using 12,000 pounds ram force (4 inch ram). A transparent yellow film was produced with excellent color development, which contained about 300 ppm by weight of the yellow polymeric composition.

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Example 5

Example 4 was repeated using 0.12 g of the blue anthraquinone polymeric composition of Example 2 to give a bright blue transparent copolyester film with good color development.

Example 6

Example 4 was repeated using 0.12 g of the red azo polymeric composition of Example 3 to produce a bright red transparent film having good color development.

Example 7

A mixture of a blue anthraquinone compound (3.46 g, 0.005 mole) containing two acidic 1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-ylthic groups and having the following structure

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1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (1.09 g, 0.005 mole) DMF (30 mL) and potassium carbonate (1.5 g) was heated with stirring at about 95°C for 2.0 hours and then drowned into methanol (100 mL). The blue polydye was collected by filtration and washed with methanol. The methanol-wet cake was reslurried in water (400 mL) and the stirred mixture was acidified by addition of acetic acid and heated to about 60°C. The final polymeric product was 10 collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 1.5 g). Absorption maxima were observed at 594,636 nm in a solution of DMF in the visible light absorption spectrum. By GPC, the polydye has a weight average molecular weight (Mw) of 3,769, a number average 15 molecular weight (Mn) of 2,119 and a polydispersity of 1.78.

Example 7a

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A mixture of 1,5-bis[(3-acetoxy-2,2-dimethylpropyl)amino-4,8-dibromoanthraquinone (6.50 g, 0.01 mole) (product of Example 2 - Invention Report Docket No. 70524), 3-mercapto-1(H)-1,2,4-triazole (3.03 g, 0.03 mole), potassium carbonate (4.15 g, 0.03 mole), cupric chloride dihydrate (0.65 g) and DMF (100 mL) was heated 14 hours at about 100-105°C. The reaction mixture was drowned into a mixture of water (400 mL) and 10% aqueous solution of hydrochloric acid (200 mL). The blue product was

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collected by filtration, washed with hot water and dried in air (yield - 6.58 g). FDMS supported the desired structure of the starting anthraquinone compound for Example 7.

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Example 8

A mixture of blue anthraquinone compound (2.48 g, 0.0033 mole) having the following structure

1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.73 g, 0.0033 mole), 15 potassium carbonate (0.5 g) and DMF (30.0 mL) was heated at about 95°C for 3.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (150 mL) with stirring and the blue polydye product was collected by filtration and washed with methanol. The methanol-wet cake was reslurried in 20 water (200 mL) and the mixture acidified with acetic acid. Collecting the blue solid by filtration, washing with hot water and air drying gave 1.21 g of polydye product, which has absorption maxima at 606,652 nm in DMF in the visible absorption spectrum, a weight average molecular weight of 4,453, a number average molecular weight of 2,721 and a 25 polydispersity of 1.6.

Example 8a

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A mixture of 1,5-bis[(3-acetoxy-2,2-dimethylpropyl)amino]-4,8-dibromoanthraquinone (19.56 g, 0.03 mole), phydroxybenzenethiol (17.64 g, 0.14 mole), potassium 5 carbonate (19.32 g, 0.14 mole), cupric chloride dihydrate (1.0 g) and DMF (150 mL) was heated and stirred at 90-95°C for 7.0 hours and then at 120°C for about 2.0 additional hours. TLC (50:50 THF: cyclohexane) showed mostly the desired blue product, but still a small amount of violet 10 half-reacted product was present. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (500 mL) and the mixture allowed to cool. After crystallization, the blue solid was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, washed with hot water and then dried in air (yield - 17.6 g). FDMS 15 supported the desired structure of the starting anthraquinone compound for Example 8. In the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF, a maximum absorbance (λmax) was observed at 652 nm (extinction coefficient ϵ of 24,638).

Example 9

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A mixture of 1,4-bis-(2,6-dimethyl-4hydroxyanilino)anthraquinone (4.78 g, 0.01 mole) 25 (Synthesis Example 1 of U. S. Patent 3,918,976), 1,2ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (2.18 g, 0.01 mole), potassium carbonate (3.0 g) and DMF (60 mL) was heated at 90-95°C with stirring for 4.0 hours. After drowning the reaction mixture into methanol (300 mL), the product was 30 collected by filtration and washed with methanol until filtrate was essentially colorless. The methanol-wet cake was reslurried in 100 mL water and acidified by adding acetic acid with stirring. After heating to about 50°C, the product was collected by filtration, washed with hot 35 water and dried in air (yield - 1.2 g). By GPC, the blue polydye had a weight average molecular weight (Mw) of

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2,764, a number average molecular weight (Mn) of 1,607 and a polydispersity of 1.72. In DMF, the visible light absorption maxima were at 586,630 nm.

5 Example 10

A mixture of an anthraquinone diacidic compound (1.52 g, .002 mole) having the following structure

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1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.44 g, 0.002 mole), potassium carbonate (0.5 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at about 95°C with occasional stirring for 20 hours. The reaction mixture was downed into methanol (50 mL) and the product was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water plus acetic acid, hot water and then dried in air (yield - 1.05 g). The blue polydye had a weight average molecular weight (Mw) of 3,586, a number average molecular weight (Mm) of 1,867 and a polydispersity value of 1.92. In the visible light absorption spectrum, maxima of absorbance occurred at wavelengths of 605 and 647 nm in DMF.

25 Example 10a

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A mixture of 1,5-bis-(4-methylcyclohexanemethylamino)-4,8dibromoanthraquinone (20.0 g, 0.0324 mole), thiosalicyclic acid (11.55 g, 0.075 mole), potassium carbonate (10.35 g, 0.075 m), cupric chloride dihydrate (1.0 g) and DMF (175 mL) was heated at about 95°C for 4.0 hours and then drowned into acetone (400 mL). The solid which crystallized was collected by filtration, washed with acetone until the filtrate was no longer red. The dipotassium salt of the diacidic anthraquinone compound was dissolved by adding to water (500 mL) and stirring. The blue product which was precipitated by acidification with acetic acid was collected by filtration, washed with hot water and then dried in air (yield - 21.5 g). FDMS indicated the structure to be consistent with that given above in Example 10 for the starting diacidic anthraquinone compound.

Example 10b

- A solution of 1,5-bis-(4methylcyclohexanemethylamino)anthraquinone (65.0 g, 0.142 mole) dissolved in DMF (1.0 L) by stirring at about 55°C was treated with a solution of N-bromosuccinimide (50.5 g, 0.284 mole) in DMF (200 mL). After addition was 25 completed, the bromination reaction was completed by heating at 55-60°C for 2.0 hours. Water (1.0 L) was added to precipitate the red product which was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air. After being reslurried in hot methanol and cooling, the product was collected by filtration, washed with a little methanol 30 and air dried (yield - 84.0 g). FDMS indicated the structure to be that of the starting, dibrominated anthraquinone compound of Example 10a.
- 35 Example 10c

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A mixture of 1,5-dichloroanthraquinone (48.0 g, 0.17 mole), 4-methyl-1-aminomethylcyclohexane (88.9 g, 0.70 mole), 2-ethoxyethanol (400 mL) was stirred and heated at reflux for 35.0 hours and the reaction mixture allowed to cool. The red product was precipitated by the addition of methanol and was the collected by filtration, washed with methanol and dried in air (yield - 66.0 g). FDMS indicated the product to be the starting anthraquinone compound for Example 10b.

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Example 11

A mixture of diacidic anthraquinone compound (0.69 g, 0.001 m) having the following structure

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1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.27 g, 0.001 mole), potassium carbonate (0.3 g) and DMF (5.0 mL) was heated with occasional stirring for 2.5 hours at about 95°C. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the product collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing a little acetic acid and then finally with hot water and air dried (yield - 0.45 g). The blue polydye had an absorption maximum at 610 nm in DMF, a weight average molecular weight of 3,311 a number average

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molecular weight of 1,272 and a polydispersity value of 2.63.

Example 11a

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A mixture of 1,8-di-(2-carboxyphenylthio)-4,5-dinitroanthraquinone (4.00 g, 0.0066 mole), aniline (2.5 g) and nitrobenzene (30.0 mL) was heated at reflux with stirring for 5.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into hexane and the hexane decanted. The product was washed again by adding hexane, stirring and decanting. The crude product was slurried in acetone and heated to reflux and the blue product collected by filtration, washed with water and air dried (yield - 0.75 g). FDMS indicated the product to be mostly 1,8-dianilino-4,5-di-(2-carboxyphenylthio)anthraquinone, the starting diacidic, anthraquinone compound for Example 11.

Example 11b

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The potassium salt of thiosalicyclic acid (4.75 g, 0.03 mole) was made by addition to DMF (75 mL) and heating in the presence of potassium carbonate (8.70 q, 0.06 mole) for 2.0 hours at about 95°C. The cooled mixture was added 25 to a solution of 1,8-dichloro-4,5-dinitroanthraquinone (5.51 g, 0.015 mole) dissolved in DMF (150 mL) at about 0-5°C with stirring. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to about 25°C with stirring continued for 2.0 hours and then poured into water. The product was obtained in essentially quantitatively yield by slowly acidifying with 30 10% hydrochloric acid and was then collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air. FDMS indicated the product to be mostly the starting anthraquinone compound used in Example 11a.

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Example 12

A mixture of the diacidic anthraquinone compound (0.85 g. 0.0015 m) having the following structure

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1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.41 g, 0.0015 m), potassium carbonate (0.5 g) and DMF (5.0 mL) was heated at about 95°C for 2.0 hours with occasional stirring. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and 10 the blue polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing a little acetic acid and finally hot water and then dried in air (yield - 0.62 g). GPC analysis indicated a weight average molecular weight of 20,020, a number average molecular weight of 2,313 and a polydispersity of 8.66. An absorption maximum was observed at 591 nm in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 12a

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The anthraquinone diester compound (4.00 g) having the following structure

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50% aqueous sodium hydroxide (2.40 g) and 2-ethoxyethanol (60 mL) were combined and heated with stirring at about 95°C for 0.5 hour. Hydrolysis of ester groups appeared to be complete by TLC (50:50 THF:cyclohexane). The reaction mixture was drowned into water (600 mL) and the blue solution acidified using acetic acid. The blue solid was collected by filtration washed with water and dried in air (yield - 3.80 g). FDMS indicated the structure to be mostly that of the starting diacidic anthraquinone compound in Example 12 plus a small amount of a violet compound probably produced by displacement of the bromine atom with the 2-(ethoxy)ethoxy group.

15 Example 12b

A mixture of 1-amino-2,4-dibromoanthrquinone (7.62 g, 0.02 mole), dimethyl 5(4-aminophenoxy)isophthalate (9.03 g, 0.03 mole), 1-pentanol (100 mL), potassium acetate 4.0 g), and cupric acetate (0.2 g) was heated at reflux for 4.0 hours and until all of the starting material had been used up as indicated by TLC analysis (20:80 THF:cyclohexane). Several blue components presumed to be a mixture of ester products produced by transesterification were observed.

The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the product was collected by filtration, washed thoroughly with methanol to remove a red by-product and then washed with water and dried in air (yield - 7.81 g). FDMS indicated ions corresponding to the dimethylester,

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monopentyl ester and dipentylester of the product - the structure of the starting material for Example 12a.

Example 12c

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A mixture of dimethyl 5-(4-nitrophenoxy)isophthalate (30.0 g, 0.09 mole), isopropanol alcohol (350 mL) and ethanol wet Raney nickel catalyst (5.0 g) was hydrogenated at 90°C for 4.0 hours at 1500 psi hydrogen pressure in an autoclave. Isopropanol (100 mL) was added to the reaction mixture from the autoclave and the solid product dissolved by heating. The Raney nickel was removed by hot filtration and the filtrate allowed to cool. The offwhite solid was collected by filtration and dried in air (yield - 17.8 g). FDMS indicated the product to be dimethyl 5-(4-aminophenoxy)isophthalate used in Example 12b.

Example 12d

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A mixture of 1-chloro-4-nitrobenzene (47.1 g, 0.30 mole), dimethyl 5-hydroxyisophthalate (63.0 g, 0.30 mole), anhydrous potassium carbonate (41.4 g), potassium iodide (0.2 g) and DMF (200 mL) was heated at 120- 125°C for 1.5 hours, under a slow nitrogen sweep allowing some distillate to be removed (about 75 mL) via a Dean-Stark trap. Additional DMF (50 mL) was added back to the reaction mixture and heating continued for an additional 1.5 hours while an additional amount of distillate (25 mL) was allowed to collect in the Dean-Stark trap. reaction mixture was allowed to cool to about 45°C. A heavy slurry of pale yellow product resulted which was diluted further by the addition of an ice-water mixture (350 g) with good stirring. Filtration followed by washing with water and drying in air gave the pale yellow dimethyl 5-(4-nitrophenoxy)isophthalate (90.7 g)

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(structure supported by FDMS) which was used in Example 12c.

Example 13

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A mixture of the diacidic anthraquinone compound (1.26 g, 0.002 mole) having the following structure

10 1,6-hexandiol, dimethanesulfonate (0.58 g, 0.002 mole), potassium carbonate (0.5 g) and DMF (6.0 mL) was heated at 90-95°C for 2.0 hours with occasional stirring. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the dark blue-green polydye was collected by filtration,
15 washed with methanol, water containing a little acetic

- acid and finally with water and then dried in air (yield 1.13 g). GPC analysis indicated a weight average molecular weight of 14,776, a number average molecular weight of 2,514 and a polydispersity of 5.88. An
- 20 absorption maximum was observed at 620 nm in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 13a

A portion (1.72 g, 0.003 mole) of the bromoanthraquinone product of Example 12a, benzenesulfinic acid, Na salt (0.98 g, 0.006 mole), potassium carbonate (1.38 g) and DMF (25 mL) were mixed and the reaction mixture heated with stirring at 90-95°C for 1.0 hour. A bathochromic shift in

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color was observed as the 2-bromo substituent was replaced by the 2-phenylsulfonyl group on the anthraquinone nucleus. The greenish-blue solution was drowned into acetone (100 mL) and the solid material was collected by filtration and washed with acetone until the filtrate was pale blue. The acetone-wet solid was added with stirring to water (200 mL) and the mixture acidified with acetic acid. After being heated to about 75°C, the reaction mixture was filtered and the dark blue solid was washed with hot water and dried in air (yield - 1.50 g). FDMS indicated the structure to be that of the starting diacidic anthraquinone compound used in Example 13.

Example 14

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A mixture of the diacidic anthraquinone compound (1.45 g, 0.003 mole) having the structure

20 1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.82 g, 0.003 mole), potassium carbonate (0.5 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at about 95°C for 2.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the blue polydye was collected by filtration and washed with methanol, water containing a little acetic acid and finally hot water and dried in air (yield - 1.10 g). GPC analysis indicated a weight average molecular weight of 3,727, a number average weight of 1,031 and a polydispersity of 3.61. Absorption

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maxima were observed at 623 nm and 585 nm in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 15

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A mixture of the diacidic anthraquinone compound (1.50 g, 0.003 mole) having the following structure

10 1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.82 g, 0.003 mole), potassium carbonate (0.5 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated with occasional stirring at about 95°C for 2.0 hours. The reaction mixture was then drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the blue polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing a little acetic acid, and hot water and then dried in air (yield- 0.90 g). An absorption maximum at 591 nm was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

20 Example 15a

To DMF (40mL) was added 1-amino-2-Br-4-(5-chlorosulfonyl-2-methoxyanilino) anthraquinone (4.0 g) with stirring. When solution appeared to be complete, conc. ammonium 25 hydroxide (4.0 g) was added and stirring was continued at ambient temperature for 30 minutes. TLC using 50:50 THF:cyclohexane indicated complete reaction of the sulfonyl chloride compound to produce the desired sulfonamide. The reaction mixture was drowned into water

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and the blue product was collected by filtration, washed with water and air dried (yield- 3.8 g). FDMS indicated the structure to be that of the starting compound for Example 15.

Example 15b

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To chlorosulfonic acid (100 mL) was added 1-amino-4-o-anisidino-2-bromoanthraquinone (10.0 g, 0.0236 mole)

10 portionwise with good stirring at 25-30°C. After addition was completed, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1.0 hour. The reaction mixture was added in a fine stream to cold isopropanol (800 mL) with stirring. The blue product was collected by vacuum filtration on a sintered glass funnel, washed with isopropanol and dried in air (yield- 10.3 g) and used without further purification in Example 15a.

Example 16

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A mixture of the diacidic anthraquinone compound (0.58 g, 0.001 m) having the following structure

1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.22 g, 0.001 m),
potassium carbonate (0.3 g) and DMF (5.0 mL) was heated at
95°C for 2.5 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into
methanol (100 mL) and the greenish-blue polydye was
collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water
containing a little acetic acid and water and then air
dried (yield - 0.33 g). GPC analysis indicated a weight

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average molecular weight of 4,144 a number average molecular weight of 1,643 and a polydispersity of 2.52. An absorption maximum at 629 nm was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

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Example 16a

A mixture of 1,8-diamino-2,7-dibromo-4,5dihydroxyanthraquinone (2.19 g, 0.005 mole), 10 thiosalicyclic acid (1.60 g, 0.104 mole), potassium carbonate (1.5 g) and DMF (25.0 mL) was heated at 95-100°C for 6.0 hours. A bathochromic shift in color occurred as the two bromine atoms were replaced by the 2carboxyphenylthio groups. The reaction mixture was 15 drowned into methanol and the solid product was collected by filtration and washed with methanol. The product was dissolved in water (100 mL) and the diacidic anthraquinone which precipitated by addition of acetic acid was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in 20 air (yield - 0.86 g). FDMS indicated the product to be that used as starting material for Example 16.

Example 17

The anthraquinone disulfonyl chloride compound (3.50 g, 0.005 mole) having the following structure

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(prepared according to the procedure of U. S. Patent 5,453,482, Example 2), m-aminobenzoic acid (1.37 g, 0.10 mole), potassium carbonate (2.80 g) and DMF (30 mL) were 5 mixed and the reaction mixture heated at 90-95°C for 30 minutes. TLC (50:50 THF:cyclohexane) indicated complete reaction of the disulfonyl chloride to produce the disulfonamide derivative. To the reaction mixture were added 1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (1.38 g, 0.005 m), potassium carbonate (1.38 g) and heating and stirring were continued for 2.0 hours at 90-95°C. The reaction mixture was drowned into water and acidified with acetic acid. The bright blue polydye was collected by filtration, washed with water and then air dried (yield - 2.07 g) and is believed to have the following repeat unit:

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GPC analysis indicated a weight average molecular weight of 5,252, a number average molecular weight of 2,179 and a polydispersity of 2.41. Absorption maxima at 583 nm and 628 nm were observed in the visible light absorption 5 spectrum in DMF.

Example 18

A mixture of the diacidic anthraquinone compound (4.21 g, 10 0.01 mole) having the following structure

1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (2.18 g, 0.01 mole), potassium carbonate (2.68 g, 0.02 mole) and DMF (50 mL) 15 was heated and stirred at 90-95°C for 1.5 hours. reaction mixture was drowned into water (400 mL) and acidified with stirring and by adding acetic acid. After being heated to about 50°C, the mixture was filtered and the red polydye washed well with water and dried in air (yield - 4.47 g). GPC analysis showed the polydye to have a weight average molecular weight of 1,603, a number average molecular weight of 922 and a polydispersity of 1.74. An absorption maximum at 524 nm was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 18a

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A mixture of 1-amino-2, 4-dibromoanthraquinone (11.43 g, 0.03 mole), 3-mercapto-1(H)-1,2,4-triazole (9.09 g, 0.09 mole), potassium carbonate (11.52 g, 0.09 mole) and DMF (150 mL) was heated at about 95°C with stirring for 1.0 hour. The reaction mixture was drowned into water (500 mL) with stirring and acidified with acetic acid and the red product collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 12.64 g). FDMS indicated the product to be the diacidic anthraquinone compound used in Example 18.

10 Example 19

A mixture of 1,5-bis-(4-hydroxyphenylthio)anthraquinone (4.56 g, 0.01 mole), 1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (2.18 g, 0.01 mole), potassium carbonate (3.0 g) and DMF (50 mL) was heated and stirred at about 95°C for 2.0 15 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the yellow polydye was collected by filtration and washed with methanol. The methanol-wet cake was reslurried in water (500 mL) and acidified and 20 the polydye then collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 4.25 g). GPC analysis indicated the polydye to have a weight average molecular weight of 1,901, a number average molecular weight of 1,588 and a polydispersity of 1.20. An absorption maximum 25 at 461 nm was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 19a

30 A mixture of 1,5-dichloroanthraquinone (5.54 g, 0.02 mole), 4-hydroxybenzenethiol (6.30 g, 0.05 mole), potassium carbonate (6.90 g, 0.05 mole) and DMF (100 mL) was heated at about 95°C for 5.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into water (400 mL) and the yellow product was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 9.0 g). The solid was added to

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acetic acid (150 mL) and the mixture heated to boiling. After being allowed to cool, the yellow solid was collected by filtration, washed with acetic acid and dried in air (yield - 6.75 g). FDMS confirmed that the product was the 1,5-bis(4-hydroxyphenylthio)anthraquinone used in Example 19.

Example 20

A mixture of 1,4-bis-(2-carboxyphenylthio)anthraquinone (1.53 g, 0.003 m), 1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.66 g, 0.003 mole), potassium carbonate (0.75 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at about 95°C with occasional stirring for 2.0 hours. The reaction mixture was then drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the dark orange polydye was collected by filtration, washed with water containing some acetic acid then with hot water and dried in air (yield - 0.50 g). GPC analysis indicated a weight average molecular weight of 8,686, a number average molecular weight of 1,356 and a polydispersity of 6.41.

Example 20a

A mixture of 1,4-dichloroanthraquinone (2.77 g, 0.01 mole), thiosalicylic acid (3.85 g, 0.025 m), potassium carbonate (3.45 g, 0.025 m), cupric chloride dihydrate (0.1 g) and DMF (50 mL) was heated at 95-100°C with stirring for 4.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into acetone and the solid was collected by filtration and washed with acetone. The resulting potassium salt of the product was dissolved by stirring in water (200 mL). The red solution was neutralized to give the orange product which was collect by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 4.58 g). FDMS indicated the structure to be that of the starting material for Example

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20. An absorption maximum at 501 nm was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum.

Example 21

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A mixture of 1,8-bis-(2-carboxyphenylthio)-4,5-bis-(ptolylthio)anthraquinone (1.51 g, 0.002 mole), 1,4butanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.49 g, 0.002 mole), potassium carbonate (0.60 g and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at 90-95°C with occasional stirring for 2.5 hours. reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the red polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and then dried in air (yield - 1.1 g). GPC analysis indicated a 15 weight average molecular weight of 2,157, a number average molecular weight of 1,111 and a polydispersity of 1.94. An absorption maximum was observed at 529 nm in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

20 Example 21a

A mixture of thiosalicyclic acid (4.75 g, 0.03 mole). potassium carbonate (8.70 g, 0.06 mole) and DMF (75 mL) was heated at about 100°C for 1.0 hour and the reaction mixture, which was allowed to cool, was added at 0-5°C to a solution of 1,8-dichloro-4,5-dinitroanthraquinone (5.51 g. 0.015 mole) dissolved in DMF (150 mL) with good stirring. Cooling was removed and the temperature of the reaction mixture allowed to come to ambient temperature and the mixture was stirred for about 3.0 hours. A 30 solution of p-thiocresol (3.73 g, 0.03 mole) dissolved in DMF (80 mL) was added to the reaction mixture with stirring and the temperature raised to about 100°C and held for 2.0 hours. After allowing to cool, the reacting 35 mixture was drowned into water (300 mL) and the mixture gradually acidified by the addition of 10% aqueous

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hydrochloric acid. The red solid product was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 11.28 g). FDMS analysis indicated that the product consisted mostly of the starting material for Example 21.

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Example 22

A mixture of 1,5-bis(2-carboxyphenylthio)anthraquinone (1.54 g, 0.003 mole), 1,5-bis(2-carboxyhenylthio)-4,8-10 bis (isobutylamino) anthraquinone (1.31 g, 0.002 mole) (product of Example 2a), 1,2-ethandiol, dimethanesulfonate (1.09 g, 0.005 mole), potassium carbonate (1.0 g) and DMF (10 mL) was heated at 90-95°C with occasional stirring for 2.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol 15 (100 mL) and the green polydye was washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and then dried in air (yield - 1.30 g). GPC analysis indicated a weight average molecular weight of 1,839, a number average molecular weight of 1,040 and a polydispersity of 1.77. 20 Absorption maxima were observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF at 448, 603, and 645 nm.

Example 23

A mixture of 1,5-bis(2-carboxyphenylthio) anthraquinone (1.28 g, 0.0025 mole), 1,4- cyclohexanedimethanol, dimethanesulfonate (1.75 g, 0.0025 mole), potassium carbonate (0.82 g) and DMF (7.5 mL) was heated at about 95°C with occasional stirring for 3.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the yellow polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and then dried in air (yield - 0.31 g). GPC analysis indicated a weight average molecular weight of 1,158, a number average molecular weight of 1,008 and a polydispersity of 1.15.

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Example 24

Example 23 was repeated except that the disulfonate used was 1,3-propanediol, 2,2-dimethyl, dimethanesulfonate (0.65 g, 0.0025 mole) to give the yellow polydye (yield - 0.76 g) which had a weight average molecular weight of 1,056, a number average molecular weight of 979 and a polydispersity of 1.08 by GPC analysis.

10 Example 25

Example 23 was repeated except that 1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.68 g, 0.0025 mole) was used as the disulfonate to give the yellow polydye (yield - 1.16 g)

which had a weight average molecular weight of 1,827, a number average molecular weight of 961 and a polydispersity of 1.90 by GPC analysis.

Example 26

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Example 23 was repeated except that 1,2-ethanediol, bis(4-methylbenzenesulfonate (0.82 g, 0.0025 mole) was used as the disulfonate to yield the yellow polydye (yield - 0.41 g) which had a weight average molecular weight of 2,442, a number average molecular weight of 1,885 and a polydispersity of 1.29 by GPC analysis.

Example 27

A mixture of the acidic anthraquinone compound (2.02 g, 0.0027 mole) having the structure

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the acidic UV light absorbing compound (0.29 g, $9x10^{-4}$ mole) having the structure

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1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.78 g, 0.0036 mole), potassium carbonate (1.0 g) and DMF (25 mL) was heated and stirred at 90-95°C for 2.0 hours. The cooled reaction mixture was drowned into water (200 mL) and made slightly acidic by the addition of acetic acid with stirring. The polymeric product was collected by filtration, washed well with water and dried in air (yield - 2.00 g). GPC analysis indicated a weight average molecular average of 5,642, a number average molecular weight of 1,720 and a polydispersity of 3.28.

Example 28

A mixture of the diacidic anthraquinone compound (1.27 g, 0.002 mole) having the structure

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1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.44 g, 0.002 mole), potassium carbonate (0.75 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at 90-95°C with occasional stirring for 2.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the dark red polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and then dried in air (yield - 1.23 g). GPC analysis indicated a weight average molecular weight of 1,545, a number average molecular weight of 1,213 and a polydispersity of 1.27.

Example 28a

To a mixture of 1,5-bis(2-carboxyanilino)anthraquinone

(9.57 g, 0.02 mole) in DMF (250 mL) was added portionwise
N-bromosuccinimide (7.12 g, 0.04 mole) with stirring at
room temperature. The reaction mixture was then heated at
about 60°C for 1.5 hours and allowed to cool. Water was
added dropwise to precipitate the product, which was

collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in
air (yield - 11.17 g). FDMS indicated the structure of
the product to be that of the starting anthraquinone
compound in Example 28.

25 Example 29

A mixture of the diacidic anthraquinone compound (4.06 g, 0.01 mole) having the structure

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1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (2.18 g, 0.01 mole), potassium carbonate (2.76 g) and DMF (150 mL) was heated at about 100°C for 3.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into water, acidified with acetic acid and the yellow polydye was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air. GPC analysis indicated a weight average molecular weight of 5,333, a number average molecular weight of 2,441, and a polydispersity of 2.18.

Example 29a

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A mixture of 1,5-dichloroanthraquinone (6.93 g, 0.025 mole), 3-mercapto-1(H)-1,2,4-triazole (5.56 g, 0.055 mole), potassium carbonate (6.91 g, 0.05 mole) and DMF (100 mL) was heated and stirred at about 95°C for 5.0 hours. The mixture was drowned into water and the yellow product was collected by filtration, washed with water and air dried. The cake was reslurried in hot isopropanol and the product collected by filtration, washed with isopropanol and dried in air (yield 8.62 g). FDMS indicated the product to be 1,5-bis[1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-ylthio]anthraquinone used as the diacidic anthraquinone starting material in Example 29.

Example 30

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A mixture of diacidic anthraquinone compound (1.01 g, 0.0025 mole) having the structure

1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.55 g, 0.0025 mole), potassium carbonate (0.75 g) and DMF (10 mL) was heated at about $95\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 3.0 hours. The reaction mixture was then drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the yellow polydye was collected by filtration, water containing acetic acid, hot water and then air dried (yield - 0.35 g). GPC analysis 10 indicated a weight average molecular weight of 2,478, a number average molecular weight of 742 and a polydispersity of 3.34. An absorption maximum was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum at 425 15 nm in DMF.

Example 30a

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A mixture of 1,8-dichloroanthraquinone (6.93 g, 0.025 mole), 2-mercaptoimidazole (5.01 g, 0.05 mole), potassium carbonate (6.91 g) and DMF (60 mL) was heated and stirred at about 95°C for 8.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into water and acidified using acetic acid. The yellow product was collected by filtration, washed with 25 water and dried in air. FDMS indicated the product to be the 1,8-bis(imidazol-2ylthio) anthraquinone diacidic compound used as the starting material in Example 30.

Example 31

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A mixture of 1,5-bis[1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3ylthio) anthraquinone (1.80 g, 0.00443 mole) (product of Example 29a), 1,4-dibromobutane (0.96 g, 0.00444 mole), tributylamine (1.64 g, 0.00885 mole), and N-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (30 mL) was heated at 8.0 hours at about 130°C with stirring. The reaction mixture was drowned into acetone (150 mL) and the yellow polydye was collected by filtration, washed with acetone until filtrate was essentially clear and dried in air. GPC analysis indicated a weight average molecular weight of 5,022, a number average molecular weight of 3,220 and a polydispersity of 1.56.

15 Example 32

A mixture of the diacidic anthraquinone compound (1.63 g, 0.003 mole) having the structure

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1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.82 g, 0.003 mole), potassium carbonate (0.5 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at about 95°C with occasional stirring for 2.0 hours. The mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the dark blue polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield - 0.92 g). Absorption maxima at 602

and 644 nm were observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF. GPC analysis indicated a number average molecular weight of 1,860.

5 Example 32a

A mixture of 1,4-diamino-2,3-dichloroanthraquinone (12.24 g, 0.04 mole), thiosalicylic acid (15.4 g, 0.10 mole), potassium carbonate (13.8 g, 0.10 mole) and DMF (150 mL) was heated at about 95°C with stirring for 2.0 hours. A 10 bathochromic shift in color from violet to blue was observed as the reaction progressed. The reaction mixture was drowned into acetone (500 mL) and the solid product was collected by filtration and washed well with acetone. The acetone-wet cake was added to water (600 mL) and the 15 mixture acidified with acetic acid to precipitate the free acid compound, which was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 21.4 g). FDMS indicated the product to be the 1,4-diamino-2,3-bis(2carboxyphenylthio) anthraquinone used in Example 32. 20

Example 33

A mixture of 1,5-bis(2-carboxyphenylthio) anthraquinone

(1.02 g, 0.002 mole), terephthalic acid (1.00 g, 0.006 mole), potassium carbonate (1.38 g) 1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (1.74 g, 0.008 mole) and DMF (10 mL) was heated at about 95°C with occasional stirring for 2.0 hours. The mixture was then drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the yellow polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield - 1.88 g). GPC analysis indicated a weight average molecular weight of 794, a number average molecular weight of 713 and a

35 polydispersity of 1.11.

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Example 34

Example 33 was repeated using 1,5-bis(2-carboxyphenylthio) anthraquinone (1.02 g, 0.002 mole) and terephthalic acid (0.33 g, 0.002 mole), 1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.87 g, 0.004 mole) and potassium carbonate (0.87 g) to yield the yellow polydye (0.90 g). GPC analysis indicated a weight average molecular weight of 875, a number average molecular weight of 811, and a polydispersity of 1.08.

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Example 35

A mixture of the diacidic anthraquinone compound (2.00 g, 0.00285 mole) having the following structure (Preparation 5 of IR Docket 70351): 15

1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.63 g, 0.00289 mole), potassium carbonate (0.80 g) and DMF (25 mL) was heated at 95°C for 4.0 hours with stirring. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the greenish-blue polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield - 1.01 g). GPC indicated a weight average 25 molecular weight of 6,720, a number average molecular

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weight of 2,211 and a polydispersity of 3.04. Absorption maxima were observed at 599 and 647 nm in the visible absorption spectrum in DMF.

5 Example 36

A mixture of the diacidic anthraquinone compound (0.41 g, 0.508 mmole) having the following structure (Preparation 4 in IR Docket 70351):

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1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.11 g, 0.504 mmole), potassium carbonate (0.14 g) and DMF (5.0 mL) was heated with occasional stirring or about 95°C for 3.0 hours. reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (50 mL) and the 15 greenish-blue polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield 0.15 g). Absorption maxima were observed at 599 and 645 nm in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 37-66

Colored EASTAR® copolyester 6763 film was produced by melt 25 blending the polydyes of Examples 7-36 and extruding

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according to the following procedure to produce Examples 37-66 (Table 1).

EASTAR® PETG polyester 6763, a poly(ethylene-1,45 cyclohexanedimethylene) terephthalate (Eastman Chemical Company) (300 g of previously dried pellets) was dry blended with the anthraquinone polydye composition (0.12 g). The blend was extruded with a C. W. Brabender % in. extruder, equipped with a mixing screw, at 250°C into a water bath and the extrudate pelletized.

The pellets were redried at 70°C for 17 hrs. at a pressure of about 1-5 torr. A portion (1.40 g) of the dried pellets was pressed into a 18-20 mil film at 250°C using a 2-inch diameter circular mold in a Pasadena Hydraulic, Inc. press using 12,000 pounds ram force (4 inch ram). The transparent films contained about 300 ppm of the polydyes and each showed excellent color development to produce the colors indicated in Table 1.

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Example 67

A mixture of 1,4-bis(2-carboxyphenythio)anthraquinone (15.4 g, 0.03 mole) (prepared as in Example 20a), 1,5-25 bis (2-carboxyphenylthio) -4,8bis (isobutylamino) anthraquinone (6.55 g, 0.01 mole) (Example 2a), 1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (8.72 q, 0.04 mole), potassium carbonate (8.0 g) and DMF (100 mL) was stirred and heated at about 95°C for 2.0 hours with occasional stirring. The reaction mixture was drowned 30 into methanol (500 mL) and the black polydye was collected by filtration, washed with water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield - 9.5 g). GPC analysis indicated a weight average molecular weight of 7,512, a 35 number average molecular weight of 1,700 and a polydispersity of 4.42.

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Example 68

EASTAR® PETG copolyester 6763 (291 g of previously dried pellets) was dry blended with the black polydye of Example 67 (9.0 g) and the blend extruded and a portion of the resulting pellets was pressed into a black film containing approximately 3.0% by weight of polydye by using the procedure described in Example 4.

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Example 69

A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (3.20 g, 0.005 mole) having the structure

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1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (1.09 g, 0.005 mole), potassium carbonate (1.5 g) and DMF (25 mL) was heated and stirred at about 95°C for 3.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol and the violet polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield - 1.60 g). GPC analysis indicated a weight average molecular weight (Mw) of 6,403, a number average molecular weight (Mm) of 3,700 and a polydispersity (Mw/Mn) of 1.73.

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In the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF an absorption maximum was observed at 556 nm.

Example 69a

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A mixture of the dibromoazobenzene dye (6.01 g, 0.010 mole) having the structure

3-mercapto-1(H)1,2,4-triazole (2.2 g, 0.022 mole), potassium carbonate (3.45 g, 0.025 mole) and DMF (100 mL) was stirred and heated at about 95°C for 2.0 hours. TLC (75 parts THF: 25 parts cyclohexane) showed incomplete reaction. An additional quantity (1.01 g, 0.01 m) 3mercapto-1(H)-1,2,4-triazole was added and heating and stirring were continued for 2.0 additional hours. TLC indicated essentially complete reaction to produce the violet product. The reaction mixture was drowned into water (400 mL) and the mixture was acidified by addition of acetic acid, heated to about 40°C and filtered. The 20 product was washed with warm water and dried in air (yield - 5.60 g). FDMS indicated the product to have the structure of the diacidic azobenzene compound used in Example 69.

25 Example 70

A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (1.59 g, 0.0025 mole) having the structure

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1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.55 g, 0.0025 mole), potassium carbonate (0.5 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at 95°C with occasional stirring for 3.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the blue polydye product was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield - 1.06 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 5,497, a Mn of 2,648 and a Mw/Mn of 2.08. An absorption maximum was observed at 605 nm in DMF in the visible light absorption spectrum.

Example 70a

15 A mixture of the dibromo azobenzene dye (2.38 g, 0.004 mole) having the structure

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3-mercapto-1(H)-1,2,4-triazole (1.21 g, 0.012 mole), potassium carbonate (1.65 g, 0.012 mole) and DMF (25 mL) was heated and stirred for 1.0 hour. TLC (50 parts THF:50 parts cyclohexane) showed complete reaction to produce the product. The reaction mixture was drowned into water (100 mL) and the mixture acidified with acetic acid. The dark blue product was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 2.55g). FDMS indicated the product to have the structure of the diacidic azobenzene compound used in Example 70.

Example 71

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A mixture of the diacidic disazo compound (1.59 g, 0.005 mole) having the structure

1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (1.09 g. 0.005 mole), potassium carbonate (1.5 g), DMF (10 mL) was heated and stirred at about 95°C for 3.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the dark brown polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and then dried in air (yield - 0.66 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 4,926, a Mw of 1,574 and a Mw/Mn of 3.13.

Example 72

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A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (1.88 g, 0.005 mole) having the structure

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 C_2H_4OH

1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (1.09 g, 0.005 mole), potassium carbonate (1.5 g) and DMF (20 mL) was heated at about 95°C with stirring for 3.0 hours. The reaction 5 mixture was drowned in methanol (100 mL) and the red polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield - 1.35 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 6,888, a Mn of 2,127 and a Mw/Mn of 3.24. An absorption maximum was observed at 527 nm in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 72a

15 To a stirred mixture of the azo compound (4.05 g, 0.01 mole) [4-(3',5'-dicarbomethoxy-4'-methylthiophene-2ylazo)-N-ethyl-N(2-hydroxyethyl)aniline] and 2ethoxyethanol (50 mL) at room temperature was added aqueous 50% NaOH solution(3.75 g). After being heated at 20 about 95°C for 1.0 hour, the reaction product was drowned into acetone (300 mL). The disodium salt of the diacidic azo dye was collected by filtration washed with acetone and then quickly dissolved in water (200 mL). Acidification with acetic acid precipitated the free 25 diacid dye, which was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 2.35 g). FDMS indicated the product to have the structure of the diacidic azo compound used in Example 72.

30 Example 73

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A mixture of the diacidic azobenzene compound (1.19 g, 0.003 mole) having the structure

5 1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.66 g, 0.003 mole), potassium carbonate (0.75 g), and DMF (8.0 mL) was stirred occasionally and heated at about 95°C for 2.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the orange polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield - 0.65 g). GPC analysis showed a Mw of 3,015, a Mn of 2,128 and a Mw/Mn of 1.42. An absorption maximum was observed in the visible light absorption at 479 nm in DMF.

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Example 73a

To a mixture of 3-acetamido-4-(3',5'-dicarbomethoxyphenylazo)-N,N-diethylaniline (1.7 g, 0.004 mole) in 2-ethoxyethanol (20 mL) was added aqueous 50% NaOH (1.6 g). The reaction mixture was heated with stirring of 95°C for 10 minutes and then drowned into water (100 mL). The solution was acidified with acetic acid to precipitate the diacid dye which was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 1.6 g). FDMS indicated the structure to be that of the starting diacid azobenzene compound in Example 73.

Example 74

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A mixture of the diacidic azobenzene compound $(1.10\ g, 0.003\ mole)$ having the structure

1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.82 g, 0.003 mole), potassium carbonate (0.45 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at 95°C with occasional stirring for 2.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL). A slightly sticky yellow product resulted. The methanol was removed by decantation and the product dissolved in DMF (10 mL) by heating and stirring. Water (100 mL) was added and the mixture acidified by addition of acetic acid. The solid yellow polydye was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 0.47 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 9,314, a Mn of 3,208 and a Mw/Mn of 2.90. An absorption maximum at 428 nm was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 74a

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To a mixture of $4-(2^{\circ},5^{\circ}-dicarbomethoxyphenylazo)-N-(2-cyanoethyl)-N-ethylaniline (1.97 g, 0.005 mole) in 2-ethoxyethanol (20 mL) was added aqueous 50% NaOH (1.90 g). The reaction solution was heated at 95°C for 15 minutes and then drowned into water (200 mL). The solution was acidified and the yellow dye which precipitated was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 1.75 g). FDMS indicated the structure to be that of the starting diacid azobenzene dye of Example 74.$

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Example 75

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A mixture of diacidic azo compound (38.6 g, 0.10 mole) having the structure

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1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (27.4 g, 0.10 mole), potassium carbonate (27.6 g, 0.20 mole), and DMF (350 mL) was heated at 95-100°C for 2.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into a solution of acetic acid (70.0 mL) in water (1700 mL) with good stirring. After stirring for about 15 minutes, the yellow polydye was collected by filtration, washed with hot water and dried in air (yield - 42.6 g). An absorption maximum at 422 nm was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

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Example 75a

To a mixture of the diester dye (41.4 g, 0.10 mole) [3cyano-5-(3',5'-dicarbomethoxyphenylazo)-6-hydroxy-N-(2-20 hydroxyethyl)-4-methyl-2-pyridone] in 2-ethoxyethanol (400 mL) was added aqueous 50% NaOH (40.0 g) and the reaction mixture was heated at 75-80°C for about 30 minutes. Acetone (200 mL) was added to the slightly cooled reaction mixture. The yellow solid was collected by filtration, 25 washed with acetone and then reslurried in warm water (750 mL). After acidification using conc. HCl (20 mL), the yellow diacid dye was collected by filtration, washed with hot water and dried in air (yield- 36.0 g). FDMS indicated the structure to be that of the starting diacid 30 azo compound of Example 75.

Example 76

A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (2.03 g, 0.005 mole) having the structure

1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (1.09 g, 0.005 mole), potassium carbonate (1.5 g) and DMF (20 mL) was heated at about 95°C with occasional stirring for 5.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol. Acetic acid (1.0 mL) was added and the polydye was collected by filtration and washed with water and dried in air. GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 9,876, a Mn of 3,917 and a polydispersity of 2.52. An absorption maximum at 506 nm was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 77

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A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (0.60 g, 0.00155 mole) having the structure $\frac{1}{2}$

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1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.34 g, 0.00155 mole),
potassium carbonate (0.3 g) and DMF (4.0 mL) was heated at
about 95°C for 4.0 hours. The reaction mixture was

drowned into methanol (20 mL) and the yellow polydye was
collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water
containing acetic acid, water and then air dried (yield 0.5 g). GPC analysis showed a Mw of 4,566, a Mn of 2,474
and a Mw/Mn of 1.84. In the visible light absorption
spectrum in DMF an absorption maximum was observed at 420
nm.

Example 77a

15 To a mixture of 3-(3',5'-dicarboxymethoxyphenylazo)-2phenylindole (1.0 g, .00242 mole) in 2-ethoxyethanol (10
mL) was added aqueous 50% NaOH (0.75 g) and the hydrolysis
reaction carried out by heating at about 95°C for 30
minutes. The reaction mixture was drowned into water (100
mL) and the solution treated with acetic acid to
precipitate the product which was collected by filtration,
washed with water and dried in air (yield - 0.85 g). FDMS
indicated the structure to be that of the starting
diacidic azo compound in Example 77.

Example 78

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A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (0.99 g, 0.002 mole) having the structure

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1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.42 g, 0.002 mole), potassium carbonate (0.5 g) and DMF (7.0 mL) was heated at about 95°C for 3.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (50 mL) and the scarlet polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and then dried in air (yield - 0.18 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 8,246, a 10 Mn of 2,619 and a polydispersity of 3.15.

Example 79

A mixture of the diacidic azo dye (2.50 g, 0.00733 mole) having the following structure

1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (1.60 g, 0.00733 mole), potassium carbonate (2.07 g) and DMF (25 mL) was heated at 20 95°C for 3.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol and a small amount of acetic acid added. The yellow polydye was collected by filtration, washed with a little methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air. GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 1,949, a

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Mn of 1,569 and a Mw/Mn of 1.24. An absorption maximum was observed at 411 nm the visible light absorption spectrum.

5 Example 80

A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (1.22 g, 0.0025 mole) having the structure

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1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.55 g, 0.0025 mole), potassium carbonate (0.75 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated and stirred at about 95°C for 3 hours with occasional stirring. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (50 mL) and the polydye was collected by filtration washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and then dried in air (yield - 0.68 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 2,259, a Mn of 1,571 and a Mw/Mn of 1.44. An absorption maximum was observed at 503 nm in DMF in the visible light absorption spectrum.

Example 81

A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (1.25 g, 0.003 mole) having the structure

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1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.65 g, 0.003 mole), potassium carbonate (1.0 g) and DMF (10 mL) was heated at about 95°C for 3.0 hours with occasional stirring. reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (25 mL) and the 5 orange polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield - 0.75 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 2,014, a Mn of 1,520 and a Mw/Mn of 1.32. An absorption maximum was observed at 493 nm in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

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A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (1.11 g, 0.0025 15 mole) having the structure

1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.55 g, 0.0025 mole), potassium carbonate (0.80 g and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at 20 about 95°C for 2.5 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the brown polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield - 0.30 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 2,301, a Mn of 1,345 a Mw/Mn of 1.71. In the visible light absorption 25

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spectrum in DMF a maximum absorption was observed at 434 nm.

Example 83

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A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (2.40 g, 0.005 mole) having the structure

1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (1.09 g, 0.005 mole),
10 potassium carbonate (1.5 g) and DMF (25 mL) was heated at
about 95°C for 3.0 hours with occasional stirring. The
reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (200 mL) and
the dark red polydye was collected by filtration, washed
with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and
15 then dried in air (yield - 1.80 g). GPC analysis
indicated Mw of 2,914, a Mn of 809 and a Mw/Mn of 3.60.
An absorption maximum at 528 nm was observed in the
visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

20 Example 84

A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (1.07 g, 0.002 mole) having the structure

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1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.44 g, 0.002 mole), potassium carbonate (0.5 g) and DMF (10 mL) was heated at 95°C with occasional stirring for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (50 mL) and the reddish-5 blue polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield - 0.83 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 7,038, a Mn of 832 and a Mw/Mn at 8.44. An absorption maximum was observed at 574 nm in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 85 - Displacement of Bromine in Polydye of Example 84 with Cyano Group

15 A mixture of a portion (0.5 g) of the polydye of Example 84, sodium dicyanocuprate (0.2 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at about 95°C with occasional stirring for 3.0 hours. The reaction mixture, the color of which changed from reddish-blue to neutral-blue as the displacement reaction occurred, was then drowned into methanol and the 20 polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol and dried in air. GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 9,427, a Mw of 1,117 and a Mw/Mn of 8.44. An absorption maximum at 590 nm was observed in DMF in the visible light absorption 25 spectrum.

Example 86

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A mixture of diacidic azo compound (1.53 g, 0.0025 mole) 30 having the structure

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1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.69 g, 0.0025 mole),
K2CO3 (0.8 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at about 95°C
5 with occasional stirring for 2.0 hours. The reaction
mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the brown
polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol,
water containing acetic acid, hot water and then dried in
air (yield - 0.62 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of
4,795, a Mn of 2,051 and a Mw/Mn of 2.33. An absorption
maximum at 434 nm in DMF was observed in the visible light
absorption spectrum.

Example 86a

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To conc. H₂SO₄ (33.0 mL) was added 2,6-dichloro-4nitroaniline (6.21 g, 0.03 mole) with stirring. The solution was cooled to 0-5°C and stirred while a nitrosyl sulfuric acid mixture, prepared by adding sodium nitrite (2.19 g) to conc. H₂SO₄ (15 mL) portionwise with stirring and allowing the temperature to rise, was added below 5°C with stirring. The diazotization reaction mixture was stirred at 0-5°C for 2.0 hours. An aliquot of the diazonium salt solution (0.01 mole) was added to a chilled solution of the diacid coupler (3.95 g, 0.01 mole) (N,Nbis(4-carboxyphenylmethyl)-3-chloroaniline) dissolved in 1:5 (1 part propionic acid:5 parts acetic acid) (120 mL) containing some conc. HCl (5.0 mL) with stirring at 0-5°C. The coupling reaction mixture was neutralized by the addition of ammonium acstate with stirring and allowed to stand with occasional stirring at below 5°C for about 1.0

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hour. Water was added to precipitate the solid dye, which was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 4.0 g). The crude dye was reslurried in hot methanol and the mixture allowed to cool. The final dye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol and dried in air. An absorption maximum was observed at 431 nm in DMF. The diacid dye was used as the starting material in Example 86.

10 Example 86b

A mixture of m-chloroaniline (2.56 g, 0.02 mole), methyl 4-(bromomethyl)benzoate (10.08 g, 0.044 mole), sodium carbonate (4.66 g) and sodium iodide (0.2 g) and 2-15 ethoxyethanol (50 mL) was heated under nitrogen at about 90°C for 3.0 hours with stirring . The reaction mixture was drowned into water and the product was extracted into methylene chloride. Methylene chloride was removed to leave an oily product (11.0 g), which was added to 2-20 ethoxyethanol (100 mL). To the solution was added aqueous 50% NaOH solution (7.50 g) and the reaction mixture was warmed. At about 30°C, white solids began to precipitate and at about 50°C the reaction mixture become very thick. When the temperature had reached 70°C, water (20 mL) was 25 added to dissolve the salts of the diacidic product. After stirring at 70°C for 1.5 hours the reaction mixture was clarified by filtering through Celite filter aid and the filtrate acidified by the addition of 10% aqueous HCl to pH of about 4.0. The white solid was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield -30 7.20 g). FDMS indicated the product to have the structure of the coupler used in Example 86a.

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Example 87

A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (1.64 g, 0.003 mole) having the structure

$$O_2N$$
 $N=N$
 C_2H_4O
 C_2H_4O
 C_2H_4O

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1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.82 g, 0.003 mole), potassium carbonate (0.5 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at about 95°C for 25 hours with occasional stirring. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (150 mL) and the polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield - 1.5 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 2,741, a Mn of 1,367 and a Mw/Mn of 2.00. An absorption maximum at 441 nm was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 87a

An aliquot (0.01 mole) of the diazonium salt from 2,6-20 dichloro-4-nitroaniline prepared in Example 86a was added to a chilled solution of the coupler (3.29 g, 0.01 mole) having the formula

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dissolved in 1:5 acid (100 mL) with stirring at 0-5°C.

Ammonium acetate was added with stirring until the coupling mixture was neutral to Congo Red Test paper.

After allowing to stand for 1.0 hour, water was added to the coupling mixture to precipitate the dye, which was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 4.27 g). An absorption maximum was observed at 460 nm in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

10 Example 87b

A mixture of N-(2-chloroethyl)-N-ethylaniline (46.0 g, 0.25 mole), dimethyl 5-hydroxyisophthalate (52.5 g, 0.25 mole), potassium carbonate (69.08), a trace of pulverized 15 potassium iodide and DMF (350 mL) was heated at 125-30°C for 3.5 hours with stirring. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool and drowned in water/ice mixture (1.0 L). The product separated as a brown oil and the aqueous layer was removed by decantation. To the oily product was added 2-ethoxyethanol (175 mL) and aqueous 50% NaOH (50.0 g) and 20 the hydrolysis reaction mixture was heated at 60-65°C for about 20 minutes. Acetone was added to the reaction mixture and the white solid was collected by filtration, washed with acetone and dried in air (yield - 99.0 g). The disodium salt was dissolved in water (250 mL) by 25 stirring. Acidification with conc. HCl to a pH of about 3.0 gave a slightly sticky product which solidified in a few minutes. The pale yellow granular solid was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield -30 58.0 g). FDMS indicated the structure to be that of the coupler used in Example 87a.

Example 88

35 A mixture of the diacid azo compound (0.70 g, 0.0013 mole) having the structure

1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.36 g, 0.0013 mole), potassium carbonate (0.35 g) and DMF (5.0 mL) was heated at about 95°C with occasional stirring for 2.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (50 mL) and the polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield - 0.55 g). GPC indicated a Mw of 7,353, a Mn of 2,431 and a Mw/Mn of 3.02. An absorption maximum at 537 nm was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 88a

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To a mixture of the diester dye (1.75 g, 0.0013 mole) having the structure

$$CH_3O_2C$$
 CN
 $N=N$
 $N(C_2H_5)_2$
 CH_3O_2C
 CN
 $NHCOCH_4$

and 2-ethoxyethanol (20 mL) was added aqueous 50% NaOH solution (1.2 g) and the hydrolysis mixture was heated at about 10 minutes at about 95°C. The reaction mixture was drowned into acetone and the solid material collected by filtration. The acetone-wet material was dissolved by stirring in water (200 mL) and the diacid dye precipitated by adding acetic acid. The product was collected by

filtration washed with water and dried in air (yield - 1.35 g). FDMS showed the product to be mostly

$$HO_2C$$
 CN
 $N=N$
 $N(C_2H_6)_2$
 HO_2C
 CN
 NH_2

indicating hydrolysis of the acetamido group in addition to the ester group. All of the product was added to acetic acid (8.0 mL) and acetic anhydride (1.0 mL). The reaction mixture was heated at 95°C for 30 minutes with occasional stirring. A bathochromic shift in color from red to magenta was observed as the amine group was acetylated. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool, whereupon a solid dark red product crystallized, and then was drowned into methanol (40 mL). The product was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 0.90 g). FDMS indicated the structure to be that of the diacidic azo dye in Example 88.

Example 88b

20 A mixture of the dibromo azo dye (3.00 g, 0.0044 mole) having the structure

$$\begin{array}{c|c} CH_3O_2C & Br \\ \hline \\ CH_3O_2C & Br & NHCOCH_3 \\ \end{array}$$

sodium dicyanocuprate (0.69 g, 0.005 mole) and DMF (30 mL) was heated at 95°C for 1.0 hour. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (150 mL) and the dye was collected

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by filtration, washed with methanol and dried in air (yield - 1.91 g). FDMS indicated the structure to be that of the dicyano dye used in Example 88a.

5 Example 88c

To conc. H₂SO₄ (7.5 mL) was added dry NaNO₂ (1.08 g) portionwise with stirring and the temperature allowed to rise. The nitrosyl sulfuric acid mixture was cooled and 1:5 acid (15 mL) was added at less than 10°C with 10 stirring. To this mixture was added at 0-5°C with stirring dimethyl 5-(4'-amino,2',6'dibromophenoxy)isophthalate (6.86 g, 0.015 mole), followed by an additional 15 mL of 1:5 acid. The diazotization 15 reaction mixture was stirred at 0-5°C for 2.0 hours and then an aliquot (0.0075 mole) was added to a solution of 3-acetamido-N, N-diethylaniline (1.54 g, 0.0075 mole) dissolved in 1:5 acid (75 mL) at 0-5°C. Ammonium acetate was added with stirring to the coupling mixture until neutral to Congo Red test paper. Coupling was allowed to continue at 0-5°C for 1.0 hour and the dye then precipitated by addition of water, collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air. FDMS indicated the structure to be that of the starting dibromo azo dye in Example 88b. An absorption maximum at 546 nm 25 was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 88d

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A mixture of the dimethyl 5-(4'-aminophenoxy)isophthalate (15.0 g, 0.05 mole) (Example 12c), anhydrous sodium acetate (9.6 g) and acetic acid (85 mL) was treated with stirring with bromine (17.4 g, 0.11 mole) allowing the temperature to rise. The reaction mixture was heated at 70-80°C for 1.5 hours, allowed to cool, and then drowned

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into ice water (350 mL). The product was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 21.9 g). FDMS indicated the structure to be that of the amine compound diazotized in Example 88c.

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Example 89

A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (1.39 g, 0.0025 mole) having the structure $\frac{1}{2}$

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1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.68 g, 0.0025 mole), potassium carbonate (1.0 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at 95°C for 2.5 hrs with occasional stirring. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the red polydye was collected by filtration, washed with water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (0.85 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 2,772, a Mn of 1,306 and a Mw/Mn of 2.12. An absorption maximum was observed at 538 nm in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 90

A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (1.23 g, 0.004 25 mole) having the formula

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1,2-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (1.1 g, 0.004 mole), potassium carbonate (0.55 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at 95°C for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was drowned into water (250 mL) containing acetic acid (5.0 mL). The yellow polydye was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried in air (yield - 1.21 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 1,726, a Mn of 1,079 and a Mw/Mn of 1.6. An absorption maximum at 400 nm was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 91

A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (1.71 g, 0.003 mole) having the formula

1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.82 g, 0.003 mole), potassium carbonate (0.85 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated with occasional stirring at 95°C for 2.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 ml) and the red polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and

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dried in air (yield- $1.5 \, g$). GPC indicated a Mw of 2,090, a Mn of $1,235 \, and$ a Mw/Mn of 1.69. An absorption maximum was observed at $545 \, nm$ in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

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Example 91a

To conc. H₂SO₄ (5.0 mL) was added dry NaNO₂ (0.72 g) portionwise with stirring, allowing the temperature to 10 rise. The nitrosyl sulfuric acid solution was stirred and cooled and 1:5 acid (10 ml was added below about 15°C, followed by 5-amino-4-cyano-3-methylisothiazole (1.39 g, 0.01 mole) and 1:5 acid (10 ml) both added at 0-5°C. After being stirred at 0-5°C for 2.0 hours an aliquot (0.005 mole) of the diazonium solution was added to a 15 stirred solution of 3-acetamido-N,N-bis-(4carboxyphenylmethyl)aniline (2.09 g, 0.005 mole) dissolved in 1:5 acid (30 ml) at 0-5°C. Ammonium acetate was added to neutralize the coupling mixture until neutral to Congo Red test paper. Water was added to the coupling mixture 20 to precipitate the red dye, which was collected by filtration and dried in air (yield- 2.67 g). The product was reslurried in hot methanol, allowed to cool and the solid collected by filtration, washed with methanol and dried in air (yield- 2.10 g). FDMS indicated the 25 structure to be that of the diacid azo compound used as a starting material for Example 91.

Example 91b

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To a slurry of the diester compound (12.00 g, 0.0269 mole) having the structure

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in water (150 ml) was added aqueous 50% NaOH solution (10.80 g) and 2-ethoxyethanol (20 ml). The reaction mixture was heated at about 70-80°C for 2.0 hours and allowed to cool. The cloudy reaction mixture was clarified by filtering through Celite filter aid and the filtrate was drowned into ice/water mixture (150 g). Conc. HCl was added dropwise with stirring to bring the pH to about 2.5. The tan solid was collected by filtration, washed with water and dried at 40°C under nitrogen (yield-10.04 g). FDMS indicated the product to have the structure of the coupler used in Example 91a.

Example 92

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A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (0.83 g, 0.002 mole) having the structure $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ C_2H_5 \\ C_2H_4NHSO_2CH_3 \end{array}$$

20 1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.44 g, 0.002 mole), potassium carbonate (0.5 g) and DMF (7.5 ml) was heated at about 95°C for 3.0 hours. The polydye was isolated by drowning the reaction mixture into water and acidifying with acetic acid, followed by filtering, washing with water and drying in air. GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 2,379, a Mn of 1,363 a Mw/Mn of 1.74. An absorption

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maximum was observed in DMF in the visible absorption spectrum at 480 nm.

Example 93

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A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (1.26 g, 0.003 mole) having the structure

10 1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.82 g, 0.003 mole), potassium carbonate (0.50 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at about 95°C for 1.5 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and acetic acid (1.0 mL) was added The initially sticky polydye solidified after standing for about 1.0 hour and was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield - 0.60 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 2,667, a Mn of 1,695 and a Mw/Mn of 1.57. An absorption maximum at 508 nm was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Examples 93a

A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (3.62 g, 0.005 m) 25 having the structure

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1.2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (1.10 g, 0.005 m), potassium carbonate (1.50 g) and DMF (30 mL) was heated at about 95°C with stirring for 2.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the red polydye was collected by vacuum filtration and washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield- 3.08 grams). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 7,176, a Mn of 3,533 and a Mw/Mn of 2.02. An absorption maximum was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum at 525 nm.

Example 93b

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To conc. H₂SO₄ (5.0 mL) was added dry NaNO₂ (0.72 g) portionwise with stirring, allowing the temperature to rise. The nitrosyl sulfuric acid solution was stirred and cooled and 1:5 acid (1 part propionic:5 parts acetic acid) 20 (10 mL) was added below about 15°C, followed by 2,6dicyano-3,5-diphenylaniline (2.95 g, 0.01 m) and 1:5 acid (10 mL) both added at 0-5°C. After being stirred for 2.0 hours at 0-5°C, the diazonium solution was added to a stirred solution of 3-acetamido-N, N-bis (4-25 carboxyphenylmethyl)aniline (4.18 g, 0.01 m) dissolved in a mixture of 1:5 acid (75 mL) plus 15% aqueous sulfuric acid (15 mL) at 0-5°C. Ammonium acetate was added portionwise until the coupling mixture was neutral to Congo Red test paper. After about 1.0 hour, water was 30 added to the coupling mixture and the resulting slurry

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heated to about 60°C. The red product was collected by filtration, washed well with hot water and dried in air (yield - 5.43 g). FDMS analysis indicated the structure to be that of the starting material for Example 93-1.

Example 93c

A mixture of the diacidic azo compound (1.80 g, 0.003 m) having the structure

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1.2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.66 g, 0.003 m),
potassium carbonate (1.0 g) and DMF (8 mL) was heated at about 95°C with occasional stirring. The polydye was isolated by drowning the reaction mixture into methanol (100 mL) followed by filtration and washing with methanol, water containing acetic acid, water and was then dried in air (yield - 0.52 g). GPC analysis using NMP (N-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone) solvent indicated a Mw of 5,413, a Mn of 2,196 and a Mw/Mn of 2.46. An absorbance maximum at 517 nm was observed in the visible absorption maximum in DMF.

25 Example 93d

A sample of 2-amino-5-ethylthio-1,3,4-thiadiazole (1.61 g, 0.01 m) was diazotized and coupled with 3-acetamido-N,N-bis(4-carboxyphenylmethyl)aniline (4.18 g, 0.01 m) and the red product isolated using the procedure described above in Example 93-1a. FDMS indicated the structure of the azo compound to be that of the starting material for Example 93-2.

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Examples 94-118

Colored EASTAR® PETG 6763 film was produced by melt

blending the polydyes of Examples 69-93 and extruding

according to the following procedures to produce Examples

94-118 (Table 2).

EASTAR® PETG polyester 6763, a

10 poly(ethylene-cyclohexanedimethylene) terephthalate
(Eastman Chemical Company) (300 g of previously dried
pellets) was dry blended with the azo dye composition
(0.12 g) and the blend extruded and finally a 18-20 mil
thick film prepare as described above for Examples 37-66.

Example 119

A mixture of the diacidic anthrapyridone compound (0.93 g, 0.002 mole) having the structure

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1,2-ethandiol, dimethanesulfonate (0.44 g, 0.002 mole), potassium carbonate (.5 g) and DMF (8.0 mL) was heated at about 95°C for 3.0 hours with occasional stirring. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the violet polydye was collected by filtration, washed

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with methanol, water containing acetic acid, water and dried in air (yield - 1.09 g). A number average molecular weight of 1,228 was obtained by GPC analysis. Absorption maxima at 544 and 583 nm were observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Example 119a

To a mixture of 1-cyano-6-(3',5'
dicarbomethoxyphenylamino)-3-methyl-3Hdibenz[f,ij]isoquinoline-2,7-dione (2.00 g, 0.00405 mole)
stirred in 2-ethoxyethanol (50 mL) was added aqueous 50%
NaOH solution (2.47 g). The reaction mixture was heated
at 90-95°C for 50 minutes and then was drowned into water.

The mixture was acidified by addition of acetic acid and
the solid product was collected by filtration, washed with
water and dried in air (yield - 1.78 g). FDMS indicated
the product to be the diacidic anthrapyridone compound
reacted in Example 119.

Example 119b

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A mixture of 6-bromo-1-cyano-3-methyl-3Hdibenz[f,ij]isoquinoline-2,7-dione (11.0 g, 0.03 mole), dimethyl 5-aminoisophthalate (25.1 g, 0.12 mole), cupric acetate (3.6 g), potassium carbonate (3.0 g) and DMF (90 mL) was heated and stirred under nitrogen to about 135-40°C. The reaction mixture became very thick and turned Additional DMF (40 mL) was added and heating was continued at 135-40°C for 2.0 hours. The reaction mixture 30 was allowed to cool to about 60°C and poured on a coarse fritted glass funnel for vacuum filtration. The product was washed with DMF and water and the water-wet cake was reslurried in boiling acetone (250 mL). After cooling, 35 the product was collected by filtration, washed with acetone and dried in air (yield - 10.8 g). FDMS indicated

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the product to be the diester anthrapyridone compound used in Example 119a.

Example 120

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A mixture of the diacidic nitroarylamine compound (2.50 g, 0.0057 mole) having the structure

1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (1.25 g, 0.0057 mole),
10 potassium carbonate (1.6 g) and DMF (15 mL) was heated at
95°C for 2.5 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into
methanol (200 mL) and the yellow polydye was collected by
filtration, washed containing acetic acid, water and dried
at 40°C (yield - 0.77 g). An absorption maximum was
15 observed at 412 nm in the visible absorption spectrum in

Example 121

DMF.

20 A mixture of the diacidic nitroarylamine compound (4.40 g, 0.015 mole) having the structure

1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (3.27 g, 0.015 mole),
25 potassium carbonate (2.0 g) and DMF 40 mL) was heated at
90-95°C with stirring for 4.0 hours. The reaction
mixture was drowned into methanol (200 mL) and the yellow
polydye was collected by filtration, washed with methanol,

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water containing acetic acid, water and dried in air (yield - 1.80 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 1,585, a Mn of 1,024, a Mw/Mn of 1.54. An absorption maximum at 416 nm was observed in the visible light absorption spectrum in DMF.

Examples 122-124

Colored polyester film was produced by melt blending and extruding EASTAR® PETG polyester 6763 (Eastman Chemical Company) (300 g previously dried pellets) which had dry blended with the polydyes of Examples 119, 120, 121 to produce Examples 122-124, respectively, according to the procedure used to produce Examples 37-66. The film of Example 122 was violet and those of Examples 123 and 124 were bright yellow.

Example 125

20 A mixture of the benzotriazole UV light absorbing compound (3.27 g, 0.01 mole) having the structure

1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate (2.18 g, 0.01 mole), potassium carbonate (2.76 g) and DMF (25 mL) was heated at about 95°C for 6.0 hours. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (200 mL) and a little acetic acid added. The polymeric UV light absorbing compound was collected by filtration, washed with water containing a little acetic acid, hot water and then dried in air (yield 30 - 2.88 g). GPC analysis indicated a Mw of 7,561, a Mn of

2,632 and a Mw/Mn of 2.87. An absorption maximum was observed at 350 nm in the UV light absorption spectrum in methylene chloride.

5 Example 126

A benzylidene type UV light fluorescent compound (1.0 g, 0.0028 mole) having the structure

- 10 1,6-hexenediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.0028 mole), potassium carbonate (0.97 g) and DMF (10 mL) were mixed and the reaction mixture was heated at for 3.0 hours at about 120-130°C. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (100 mL) and the polymer was collected by
- filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield 0.69 g). GPC indicated a Mw of 50,717, a Mn of 16,044 and a MW/Mn of 3.16.

20 Example 127

EASTAPAK® PET 7352, a poly(ethyleneterephthalate) (Eastman Chemical Company) (400 g of previously dried pellets) was dry blended with the polymeric UV light fluorescent

- material of Example 126 (0.16 g). The blend was extruded with a C. W. Brabender % inch extruder, equipped with a mixing screw, at 285°C into a water bath and the extrudate pelletized. The pellets which contained about 400 ppm of the UV light absorber showed a strong blue white
- 30 fluorescence under UV light.

Example 128

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Example 127 was repeated except that 8 mg of the UV light fluorescent material of Example 126 was added to the EASTAPAK® PET 7352. The resulting pellets showed a strong blue-white fluorescence under UV light and appeared very white in sunlight.

Example 129

10 A mixture of Pc-Al-O-C₆H₃-3,5-diCO₂H (Pc = phthalocyanine) (1.74 g, 0.0024 mole), 1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate (0.66 g, 0.0024 mole), potassium carbonate (0.83 g) and DMF (10 mL) was heated and stirred at about 125°C for 1 hour and then at about 140°C for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was drowned into methanol (50 mL) and the polymeric product was collected by filtration, washed with methanol, water containing acetic acid, hot water and dried in air (yield - 1.48 g).

20 Example 130

EASTAPAK® PET 7352, a poly(ethyleneterephthalate) (Eastman Chemical Company) (400 g of previously dried pellets) was dry blended with the polymeric phthalocyanine compound of 25 Example 129 (0.12g). The blend was extruded with a C. W. Brabender % inch extruder, equipped with a mixing screw, at 285° into a water bath and the extrudate pelletized. The cyan pellets were redried at 70°C for about 17 hrs at a pressure of about 1-5 torr. A portion of the dried 30 pellets (1.40 g) was pressed into a film at 285°C using a 2-inch diameter circular mold in a Pasadena Hydraulic, Inc. press using 12,000 pounds ram force (4-inch ram). A transparent cyan film was produced by quenching in water and had an absorption maximum at 684 nm in the light absorption spectrum. 35

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Example 131

Example 130 was repeated except that 4 mg of the polymeric phthalocyanine compound of Example 129 was added to the PET. The final film contained about 10 ppm and had a light absorption maximum at 685 nm.

Example 132

10 EASTAPAK® PET 7352, a poly(ethyleneterephthalate) (Eastman Chemical Company) (400 g of dried pellets) was dry blended with the polydye of Example 18 (0.6 g). The blend was extruded with a C. W. Brabender % inch extruder, equipped with a mixing screw, at 285°C into a water bath and the extrudate pelletized. Good color production resulted with no evidence of color loss by sublimation to give dark red pellets containing about 0.15% by weight of the polydye.

Example 133

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Example 132 was repeated using 0.6 g of the polydye of Example 75 as the colorant to give yellow pellets having about 0.15% by weight of the polydye. No loss of color by sublimation was observed.

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Examples 134-182

The diacidic azo compounds of Formula VI in Table 3 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of 1,2-30 ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate in DMF in the presence of potassium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 134-182 in Table 3.

Examples 183-193

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The diacidic diazo compounds of Formula VII in Table 4 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of 1,4-butanediol, dimethanesulfonate in DMF in the presence of potassium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 183-193 in Table 4.

Examples 194-202

The diacidic bisazo compounds of Formula VIIa in Table 5

10 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of 1,3propanediol, dimethanesulfonate in DMF in the presence of
sodium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 194-202
in Table 5.

15 Examples 203-211

The diacidic benzylidene (methine) compounds in Table 6 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol, dimethanesulfonate in DMF in the presence of sodium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 203-211 in Table 6.

Examples 212-220

The diacidic 3-aryl-2,5-dioxypyrroline compounds of Formula X in Table 7 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of diethylene glycol, dimethanesulfonate in DMF in the presence of potassium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 212-220 in Table 7.

Examples 221-230

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The diacidic 3-aryl-5-dicyanomethylene-2-oxypyrroline compounds of Formula XI in Table 8 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of triethylene glycol,

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dimethanesulfonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 221-230 in Table 8.

Examples 231-239

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The diacidic azo-methine compounds of Formula XIII in Table 9 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of 1,4-butanediol, dimethanesulfonate in DMF in the presence of potassium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 231-239 in Table 9.

Examples 240-269

The diacidic anthraquinone compounds of Formula XIV in
15 Table 10 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of
2,2,4,4-tetramehtyl-1,3-cyclobutanediol,
dimethanesulfonate in N,N-dimethylacetamide in the
presence of potassium carbonate to yield the polydyes of
Examples 240-269 in Table 10.

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Examples 270-326

The diacidic anthraquinone compounds of Formula XV in Table 11 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of 1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate in DMF in the presence of potassium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 270-326 in Table 11.

Examples 327-344

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The diacidic anthraquinone compounds of Formula XVI in Table 12 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of 1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate in N-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone in the presence of sodium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 327-344 in Table 12.

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Examples 345-361

The diacidic anthrapyridine compounds of Formula XVIII in Table 13 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of 1,4-butanediol, di-p-toluenesulfonate in the presence of DMF to yield the polydyes of Examples 345-361 in Table 13.

Examples 362-381

The diacidic anthraquinone compounds of Formula XIX in Table 14 are reacted with 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-propanediol, dimethanesulfonate in essentially equimolar amounts in DMF in the presence of potassium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 362-381 in Table 14.

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Examples 382-396

The diacidic anthraquinone compounds of Formula XIXc of Table 15 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of 1,2-ethanediol, dimethanesulfonate in DMF in the presence of potassium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 382-396 in Table 15.

Examples 397-414

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The diacidic anthraquinone compounds of Formula XIXd in Table 16 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of 1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate in DMF in the presence of potassium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 397-414 in Table 16.

Examples 415-435

The diacidic anthraquinone compounds of Formula XIXe in

Table 17 are reacted in essentially equimolar amounts with
ethylene glycol, dimethanesulfonate in DMF in the presence

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of potassium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 414-435 in Table 17.

Examples 436-449

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The diacidic anthraquinone compounds of Formula XIXf in Table 18 are reacted in essentially equimolar amounts with 1.4-cyclohexanedimethanol, dimethanesulfonate in DMF in the presence of potassium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 436-449 in Table 18.

Examples 450-455

The diacidic anthrapyridine compounds of Table 19 are
15 reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of 1,6hexanediol, di-p-toluenesulfonate in DMF in the presence
of potassium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples
450-455 in Table 19.

20 Examples 456-465

The diacidic nitroarylamine compounds of Table 20 are reacted with 1,4-butanediol, dimethanesulfonate in essentially equimolar amounts in DMF in the presence of potassium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 456-465 in Table 20.

Examples 466-505

The miscellaneous diacidic compounds of Table 21 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of the disulfonate compounds of Table 21 in DMF in the presence of potassium carbonate to yield the polydyes of Examples 466-505 in Table 21.

Examples 506-522

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The diacidic UV light absorbing compounds of Table 22 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of the disulfonate compounds of Table 22 in DMF in the presence of potassium carbonate to yield the polymeric UV absorbers of Examples 506-522 in Table 22.

Examples 523-536

The diacidic infrared light absorbing compounds of Table 23 are reacted with essentially equimolar amounts of the disulfonate compounds of Table 23 in DMF in the presence of potassium carbonate to yield the polymeric infrared light absorbing compounds of Examples 523-536 in Table 23.

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Table 1
Anthraquinone Polydyes in EASTAR® PETG
(300 ppm)

Example	Polydye Melt Blended and Extruded	1
No.	With EASTAR® PETG	Color of Film
37	Polydye of Example 7	Blue
38	Polydye of Example 8	Blue
39	Polydye of Example 9	Blue
40	Polydye of Example 10	Blue
41	Polydye of Example 11	Blue
42	Polydye of Example 12	Blue
43	Polydye of Example 13	Greenish-blue
44	Polydye of Example 14	Reddish-blue
45	Polydye of Example 15	Blue
46	Polydye of Example 16	Green
47	Polydye of Example 17	Bright blue
48	Polydye of Example 18	Bluish-red
49	Polydye of Example 19	Yellow
50	Polydye of Example 20	Orange
51	Polydye of Example 21	Red
52	Polydye of Example 22	Green
53	Polydye of Example 23	Yellow
54	Polydye of Example 24	Yellow
55	Polydye of Example 25	Yellow
56	Polydye of Example 26	Yellow
57	Polydye of Example 27	Blue
58	Polydye of Example 28	Red
59	Polydye of Example 29	Greenish-yellow
60	Polydye of Example 30	Yellow
61	Polydye of Example 31	Greenish-yellow
62	Polydye of Example 32	Blue
63	Polydye of Example 33	Yellow
64	Polydye of Example 34	Yellow
65	Polydye of Example 35	Greenish-blue
66	Polydye of Example 36	Greenish-blue
		

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Table 2
Azo Polydyes in EASTAR® PETG 6763
(300 ppm)

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Example	Polydye Melt Blended and Extruded	Color of Film
No.	With EASTAR® PETG	
94	Polydye of Example 69	Violet
95	Polydye of Example 70	Blue
96	Polydye of Example 71	Yellow-brown
97	Polydye of Example 72	Red
98	Polydye of Example 73	Orange
99	Polydye of Example 74	Yellow
100	Polydye of Example 75	Greenish-yellow
101	Polydye of Example 76	Scarlet
102	Polydye of Example 77	Yellow
103	Polydye of Example 78	Scarlet
104	Polydye of Example 79	Yellow
105	Polydye of Example 80	Red
106	Polydye of Example 81	Orange
107	Polydye of Example 82	Reddish-brown
108	Polydye of Example 83	Red
109	Polydye of Example 84	Reddish-blue
110	Polydye of Example 85	Blue
111	Polydye of Example 86	Brown
112	Polydye of Example 87	Reddish-brown
113	Polydye of Example 88	Magenta
114	Polydye of Example 89	Magenta
115	Polydye of Example 90	Yellow
116	Polydye of Example 91	Red
117	Polydye of Example 92	Orange
118	Polydye of Example 93	Scarlet

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Table 3
Polydyes From Diacidic Compounds of Formula VI

R.-N=N-Z

Example No.	Re	Z	Color
134	100,0-C	MHCOCH, CH, CH, B-C, NCCH	violet
135	**C,C	NHCOCH,	red
136	NO ₃ C S CN	N(C ₂ H _{bo}) ₂	magenta
137	MD,C	CH ₂ CNH CH ₃ ,	violet
138		N(C, M,), N-NH NHOOCH, B-C, N-CH	scariet
139		мноосн _е осн _е — со,н	red
140		NHCH,0	violet

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Table 3 Polydyes From Diacidic Compounds of Formula VI

R.-N=N-Z

Example No.	R ₄	Z	Celor
141		№ сн'сн'со'н	blue
142	0=0,0=0	CH3 CH3 CH3 CH3 CH3	orange
143	GH, N-C	NHEOCH,	scarie1
144	CH3 S-C-NSCH	NHEDE, M. S-C. NCCH	magenta
145	CH ₃ CN	MHCOCH, N-NH N-NH)	magenta
148	citeo—	NHEDCH,	bluish-red
147	CH, EO, CH,	ND, C - CO, M	violet

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Table 3
Polydyes From Diacidic Compounds of Formula VI

R.-N=N-Z

Example No.	R ₆	2	Color
148	NO ₃ C-C	NHCOCHLE-C-N-CH	blue
149	HD ₂ C S		red
150	MD ₃ C	NHCOCH, CH,CHJ-N	violet .
151	NC S CO,M	NHCOCH, CO,H	violet
152	N=N-	——————————————————————————————————————	brange
153	0 ₂ N-	MICE WE P	red
154	C ₂ N	мнась — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	navy blue

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Table 3
Polydyes From Diacidic Compounds of Formula VI

R. - N = N - Z

Example No.	R ₄	Z	Color
155	0,N—(CN)	NHCOCH, (C,M,8-C, N,5 CM),	b iu e
156	CHÝ C CHÝ CH	NH CH, CH, CH, C CO, M	red
157	1-2-1 2-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-	NHOCH, CHICHIN COM	orange
158	NE NE NE	NHCO, C, H, CH, CH, CH, S - C, N, CH	re d
189	O,N S	NHCDCH,	blue
160	NC CH S	NHCOCH, C,M,O — CO,M	biue
161		MHSO ₃ CH ₄ CH ₄ CH ₄ B————————————————————————————————————	med

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Table 3
Polydyes From Discidic Compounds of Formula VI

R4 - N = N - Z

Example No.	R,	2	Color
162	c, n, s—N	МНООСН ₁ О——— СО ₂ М	ne d
163	Ċ ;⊱		red
164	N-N-50,	NHEDEH, EH, ED, H	orange
165	MC,C MC,C		yellow
166	MO,C		yellow
167	MC,C	NGN,	orange
168	N, NO ₂ E-	-C-N(C,M,CN)	yellow

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Table 3
Polydyes From Diacidic Compounds of Formula VI

R. - N = N - Z

Example No.	R ₆	Z	Color
169	0,N-CN	C-N(CH-C)	red
170	D,N	CH4 C, M, SO, NH,	red
171	M ₂ ND ₂ 6	C,M,CN	prange
172	D,N S	N(CH, CH, CO, H),	blue
173	CH2. 5-CO2H	(C,M),N N N N(C,M),	rad
174	но,с-	mo Z N Z C M Z C M Z M Z M Z M Z M Z M Z M Z M	ye llow
175	MC,C	CH COH	yellow

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Table 3
Polydyes From Diacidic Compounds of Formula VI

R. - N = N - Z

Example No.	R,	Z	Color
176	MC,C MC,C	——————————————————————————————————————	yellow
177	NO ₂ C NO ₃ C		yellow
178	MD ₃ C	CH,	orange
179	#0,c = ==================================	- NCHICHI	ye llow
180	HO ₃ C	-c+ C+4	ye ilow
181	HO,C CO,H	and the same of th	orange
182	MO, C	№ місңсңос,ң,	red

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Table 4 Polydyes From Diacidic Compounds of Formula VII

R4-N=N-R7-N=N-Z

Example No.	R.	R ₇	2	Color
183	MO ₃ C	-	WHEOCH!	red
184	∞ , H	CH,	NHOOCH, C,M,N, C,CM,	red
185	MD,C	→ NHCCCH ₃	—————	reddish yellow
186	◯	OCH,		reddish yellow
187	M,NO,8-	- ◇-	NHEDCH, CH-	red
188	NO,C	- 	-(c, M, OCCH)	yellow brown
189	MC,C	-C	√ -мс,м),	blue

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Table 4
Polydyes From Discidic Compounds of Formula VII

R.-N-N-R.-N-N-Z

Example No.	R,	R,	Z	Color
180	c	S	МНСОСН ₄ ————— СО, Н) ₂	red
191	c		CH3CH3D—————————————————————————————————	red
192		← >-	N, CH, CH, SO, NH,	reddish Orange
193`	#D,C-	₹	СМ3————— СО3Н NHEOCH3	red

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Table 5
Polydyes From Discidic Compounds of Formula VIIa

R4 - N = N - Y1 - N = N - R4

Example No.	R ₄	Υ,	Color
194			red
195	NC NO		orange
196	2.2.2.2		brange
197	MD2C	CH3 (CH4), (CH4), CH4	orange
198	MO ₂ C-CN	NHOOCH NHOOCH	violet
199	M. B. COPH	HICCH CHOCHCH MICCH	ne d .
200	MO,C C	CH CH CH CH CH CH	viole:

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Table 5 Polydyes From Diacidic Compounds of Formula Vila

R. . N = N - Y. - N = N - R.

Example No.	R ₆	Υ,	Color
201	€	NC CHOHOLOGICAL CHOOLOGICAL CHOHOLOGICAL CHOHOLOGICA CHOHOLOGICA CHOHOLOGICA CHOHOLOGICA CHOHOLOGICA CHOHOLOG	yellow
202		CH, CH, O	tiue .

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Table 6
Polydyes From Discidic Compounds of Formula VIII

R11 - CH = D

Example No.	R ₁₁	D	Color
203	$ +$ $($ $CH_a +$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$	=c ON	yellow
204		=c/ON =c/C,r,	yellow
205		=c,ch	yellow
206	CH, CH, CH, CO, H	-c-c-on	blue
207	CH, CH, EO, H	=c N	ye llow
208	CHONS-CNSON)		red
209			red

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Table 6 Polydyes From Diacidic Compounds of Formula VIII

R11 - CH = D

Example No.	R ₁₁	D	Color
210	CH CH O BO, MH	=c ^{ON}	yellow
211		ಕ್ಕಾರ್ ಕ್ರಾರ್ಡ್ಗಳ ಕ್ರಾರ್ಡ್ಗಳ	yellow

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Table 7
Polydyes From Discidic Compounds of Formula X

Example No.	R ₁₁	R ₁₃	Color
212	-{C+,-{C+,-∞,+},	C ₂ H ₆	red
213	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	н	fed
214	NHCOCH, CH,CH,CD,H	н	red
2 15	N_C3M3D3NH3	CH₃C₅H₅	red
216	CH, CH, W,H	СН3	, violet
217	CH, CH, CH, CO, H	сн _у сн _у он	violet

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Table 7
Polydyes From Discidic Compounds of Formula X

Example No.	R ₁₁	R ₁₂	Color
218		сн,——со,н	red
219	C, M, S — C, N, CH	сн,со,н	red
220	-X	н	red

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Table 8
Polydyes From Discidic Compounds of Formula XI

Example No.	Res	R ₁₂	Color
221	HO,C THE CH	H	blue
22 22	MO,C CH, COH, CH, COH, CH, CH, CH, CH, CH, CH, CH, CH, CH, C	H	greenish blue
223	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	CH2CH=CH2	reddish ['] blue
224		CH ₂ C ₆ H ₁₁	biue
225		H	blue
226	- ₩-₩-	н	blue

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Table 8
Polydyes From Discidic Compounds of Formula XI

Example No.	R ₁₁	Ru	Color
227	MO,C MN = S	н	blue
228	CH, CH, P CO, H	#	blue
229	CH	н	blue
230	CH, CH, O-CD, H	- ⊘	blue

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Table 9
Polydyes From Discidic Compounds of Formula XIII

D=HC-R7-N=N-Z

Example No.	Ð	R,	2	Cotor
231	°,4°0°,5 °,4°0°,5 °,4°0°,5		CH ₆ CH ₆ CCG ₆ H) ₈	red
232	NC >C=		NHEDEH,	blue
233	NC C==	——————————————————————————————————————	MHEOCH, (C, M, 8-E, N, CH)	blue
234	NC.C=	CI CN	NHEOCH,	blue
235	NC C=	<u></u>	EC, M, C- CO, M	blue
236	540,c 540,c		NHCOCH, B - CO ₂ M	blue
237	MC. Car	CHO ON	NHCOCH, €0,H	blue

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Table 9
Polydyes From Diacidic Compounds of Formula XIII

D=HC-R7-N=N-Z

Example No.	D	R,	2	Color
238	44 NH	C: CN	(CHU)2N N CH CH CO2H	blue
239	NC CH	ಎ ಹೈದ್ಯು	CH, CH, CH, CH, CO, M	blue

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Table 10
Polydyes From Diacidic Anthraquinone Compounds of Formula XIV

Example No.	<u> </u>	R ₁₄	Color
240	5-8	1,4-diNHCH ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ CH ₂ OH	blue
241	2-0-	1 - NH ₂ , 4 - OH	red
242	2-5-	1 - NH ₂ , 4 - NHSO ₂ CH ₃	violet
243	2.8.	1 - NH ₂ , 4 - NHSO ₂ C ₆ H ₆	viole1
244 .	2 - \$0,-	1 - NH ₂ , 4 - NHC ₆ H ₅	blue
245	2-502-	1 - NH ₂ , 4 - NHC ₆ H ₄ - 4 - CH ₃	blue
246	2 - 502 -	1 - NH ₂ , 4 - SC ₆ H ₆	violet
247	2.5-	1 - NH ₂ , 4 - NHCOC ₆ H ₆	violet
248	4.5-	1 - NH ₂	red
249	4.5-	1 - NHC ₈ H ₁₁	violet
250	4.5.	1 - NHC ₆ H ₈	violet
251	4 - NH -	1 - NH ₂ , 2 - DCH ₃	violet
252	4 - NH -	1 - NHC ₈ H ₈	green
253	4 - NH -	1 - NHC4H3 - 2.5 - diC2H4	blue
254	4 - NH -	1 - OH	violet
255	2.5.	1,4 - di - OH	orange
256	2 · 50 ₂ -	1,4 - di - DH	orange
257	4.5.	1 - NHCH ₃	violet
258	4.5.	1 - NHCH ₂ CH(C ₂ H ₆)C ₄ H ₆	violet
259	6(7)5 -	1,4 - diNHC ₆ H ₃ - 2,5 - diC ₂ H ₅	cyan
260	6(7)S -	1,4 - diNHC ₆ H ₂ - 2,4,6 - triCH ₃	cyan
261	6(7)SO ₂ -	1,4 - diNHC ₆ H ₃ - 2 - CH ₃ ,6 - C ₂ H ₆	cyan
262	4 - NH -	1,8 - diOH, 5 - NO ₂	blue
263	4 - NH -	1,8 - diOH, 5 - NH ₂	blue
264	4 - NH -	1,8 - diOH, 5 - NHC ₆ H ₆	blue
265	4 - NH -	1,5 - diOH, 8 - NO ₂	blue
266	4 - NH -	1 - NH ₂ , 2 - ON	CYAN
267	4 - NH -	1 - NH ₂ , 2 - S - C ₆ H ₅	plue
268	4 - NH -	1- NH ₅ , 2—8—C	blue
269	4 - NH -	1- NH2. 8-80;	blue

Table 11
Polydyes From Diacidic Anthraquinone Compounds of Formula XV

Example No.	-(°-⟨₹,∞,н),	Rsa	Color
270	2,4 - di - S - C ₄ H ₄ - 3 - CO ₂ H	1 - NH ₂	red
271	2,3 · di · S · C ₂ H ₄ · 4 · CO ₂ H	1,4 - diNH,	blue
272	2,4 · di · S · C ₁ H ₄ · 2 · CO ₂ H	1 - NHCH ₃	violet
273	2 • SD ₂ C ₆ H ₄ • 2 • CD ₂ H, 4 • NHC ₆ H ₄ • 2 • CD ₂ H	1 - NH ₂	blue
274	2 - OC ₆ H ₄ - 4 - CO ₂ H, 4 - NHC ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1 - NH ₂	violet
275	2 - OC4H4 - 3 - CO2H, 4 - 5 -NHC4H4 - 2 - CO2H	1 - NH ₂	red
276	2,4 • di • S • C₅H₄ • 2 • CO₂H	1 - OH	orange
277	4,5 - di - B - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,8 - diNHCH ₃	blue
278	4,5 · di · S · C ₆ H₄ · 3 · CO ₂ H	1,8 - diNHCH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	blue
279	4.5 - di - 5 - C ₆ H ₄ - 4 - CO ₂ H	1,8 - diNH(CH ₂),CH ₃	blue
280	4,5 - di - S - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,8 - diNHCH ₂ (C ₂ H ₃)C ₂ H _{3-n}	blue
261	4,5 • di • S • C₄H₄ • 2 • CO₂H	1,8 - diNHC ₆ H ₄ - 4 - CH ₃	blue
282	4.5 - di - S - C ₄ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,8 - diNHC ₆ H ₁₁	blue
283	4,5 - di - S - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1.8 - diNH(CH ₂) ₃ OH	blue
284	4.5 - di - S - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,8 - diNHCH2C(CH3)2CH2OH	blue
285	4,5 - di - 5 - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,8 - diNHCH ₂ C ₆ H ₅	blue
286	4,5 • di • S • C ₆ H₄ • 2 • CO₂H	1,8 - diNHCH2CH2C4H5	blue
287	4,5 - di - 5 - C₅H₄ - 2 - CO₂H	1,8 - diNHCH2CH = CH2	blue
288	4,5 • di • S • C ₄ H ₄ • 2 • CO ₂ H	1,8 - diNHCH,CECH	blue
289	4,5 - di - S - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1.8 - diNHCH,-CH,OH	blue
290	4,8 - di - 6 - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,5 - diNHC ₂ H ₆	blue
291	4,8 • di • S • C ₆ H ₄ • 2 • CO ₂ H	1,5 - diNHCH ₂ CH(CH ₂)CN	blue
292	4,8 - di - \$ - C ₆ H ₄ - 4 - CO ₂ H	1,5 - dinhch, Ch, NHCOCH,	biue
293	4,8 • di • S • C ₆ H ₄ • 2 • CO ₂ H	1.5 · diNH(CH ₂)3DC ₂ H ₄	blue
294	4,8 - di - S - C ₄ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,5 - diNHCH ₂ C ₆ H ₁₀ - 4 - CH ₃	blue
295	4,8 - di - 5 - C ₅ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₅ H	1.5 - GNHCH,—()	blue
296	4,8 - di - S - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,5 - GNHCH ₂	blue
297	4,8 - di - 6 - C ₄ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,5 - diNH(CH ₂) ₂ OC ₆ H ₆	blue
298	4,8 - di - S - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,5 - diNHCH(CH ₃)(CH ₂) ₂ C ₆ H ₅	blue
299	4,8 - di - S - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1.5 - SINHCH(CH ₂ CH ₃) ₂	blue

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Table 11
Polydyes From Diacidic Anthraquinone Compounds of Formula XV

Example No.	-(∘-<≥×,,,,),	R ₁₄	Color
300	4,8 - di - S - C ₁ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,5 - diSCH ₂ CH ₂ OH	red
301	4,8 - di - 6 - C ₅ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,5 - diSCH ₂ C ₆ H ₆	red
302	4,8 - di - B - C ₁ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,5 - diSC _e H _s	red
303	4,8 - di - 5 - C ₅ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,5 -diSC ₂ H ₁₁	red
304	4,8 · di · S · C ₅ H ₄ · 2 · CO ₂ H	1,5 - diSC ₆ H ₄ - 4 - DCH ₃	red
305	4,8 - di - 5 - C ₄ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,5 - diSC ₆ H ₄ - 4 - Cl	red
306	4.5 - di - S - C ₂ H ₄ - 3 - CO ₂ H	1,8 - diSC ₄ H ₄ - 4 - CH ₃	red
307	4,5 - di - 5 - C ₄ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,8 - diSC ₆ H ₃ - 3,4 - diCl	red
308	4,5 · di · S · C ₄ H ₄ · 2 · CO ₂ H	1,8 - diSC ₆ H ₄ - 2 - NHCOCH ₃	red
309	4.5 - di - S - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1.8 - diSC ₆ H ₄ - 4 - NHCOC ₆ H ₅	red
310	4,5 - di - S - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1.8 - diSCH2CH2OCOCH3	red
311	4,8 - di - S - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1.5 - diSC ₆ H ₄ - 4 - C(CH ₂) ₃	red
312	4.8 - di - 5 - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,5 - dibenzothiazol - 2 - vithip	red
3 13	4,8 - di - S - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,5 - dibenzoxazol - 2 - ytthio	red
314	4,8 - di - 5 - C ₄ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,5 - diS - C = N - N(CH ₃)CH = N	red
315	2,6 - di - S - C ₄ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,5 - diNH ₂ , 4,8 - diOH	blue
316	2,6 - di - D - C ₄ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,4,5.8 - tetra NH ₂	blue
317	4.8 - di - S - C ₄ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,5 - diNH ₂ , 2,6 - diBr	blue
318	2.7 - di - 5 - C4H4 - 2 - CO2H	1,8 - diNH ₂ , 4,5 - diNHCO ₂ CH ₃	blue
319	2,7 - di - SO ₂ - C ₄ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,8 - diNH ₂ , 4,5 - diOH	cyan
320	4,5 · di · S · C ₆ H ₄ · 2 · CO ₂ H	1,8 - SINHCOCH,	prange
321	2,7 - di - S - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1.8 - diNH ₂ , 4.5 - diNHC ₄ H ₄	cyan
322	2,6 - di - D - C ₆ H ₆ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,8 - diNH ₂ , 4,5 - diNHC ₆ H ₁₁	blue
223	2,8 - di - SO ₂ - C ₆ H ₄ - 4 - CO ₂ H	1,4,5,8 - tetra NH ₂	cyan
324	4,8 - di - S - C ₁ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1.5 - NHCHCH, SO, CH, CH	blue
325	2,3 - di - O - C ₅ H ₄ - 4 - CO ₂ H	1,4 - diNH ₂	violet
326	2,3 - di - 50 ₃ - C ₆ H ₄ - 2 - CO ₂ H	1,4 - diNH _e	blue

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Table 12
Polydyes From Diacidic Anthraquinone Compounds of Formula XVI

Example No.	-0-(\$\frac{1}{2}\).	R ₁₄	Color
327	2-0	1,4-diOH	orange
-328	2-0-SO ₂ NH ₃	1 - di - NHg	violet
329	2-0-SO3NH2	1 - NH ₂ , 4 - OH	red
330	2-0-SO,NH,	1 - NH ₂ , 4 - NHC ₈ H ₈	violet
331	2-5-SD3NH3	1 - NH ₈ , 4 - NHC ₈ H ₄ - 4 - CI	blue
332	2-50;————————————————————————————————————	1 - NH ₂ , 4 - NHC ₆ H ₄ - 4 - OCH ₃	euid
333	2-0	1 • NH ₂ , 4 • NHSO ₂ C ₄ H _{6-n}	red
334	2-0	1 - NH ₂ . 4-c%	red
335	4-NH-	1-104, 2-80,	blue- green
336	4-NH-CH, SO,NH,	1 - NH _e , 2 - Br	blue
337	4-NH	1 - NH ₂ SO ₂ C ₆ H ₃ - 3,4 - diCl	blue

Table 12
Polydyes From Diacidic Amhraquinone Compounds of Formula XVI

Example No	-0-C 30, NH,	Rus	Color
238	4-MH-	1 - NH ₂ , 2 - CN	cyan
339	4- NH-	1 - NH ₂ , 2 - NO ₂	eyan
340	6- NH- DCH3	1 - NH ₂ , 2 - Br	blue
341	4-NH- SO,NH,	1 - NH ₂ , 2 - SO ₂ N(C ₂ H ₈) ₂	blue
342	2-50,N(CH,)	1 - NH ₂ , 4 - NHC ₆ H ₄ - 3 - CI	blue
343	4-NH	1,8 - diOH, 5 - NO ₂	biue
344	4-NH	1,5 - diOH, 8 - NH ₂	blue

Table 13
Polydyes From Diacidic Anthrapyridone Compounds of Formula XVIII

Example No.	-o-€	R ₁₄	R ₁₅	R ₁₈	Color
345		н	CO ₂ C ₂ H ₈	CH,	red
346	6-NH-CO,H	н	CN	CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	violet
347	8-NH-\	н	н	C ₄ H _{8-n}	red
348	6-MH	н	CI	C ₆ H ₁₁	red
349	6-NH	H	-s-c(%)	СН3	red
350	6NH	н	CN	C ₆ H ₆	violet
3 51	8—NH-€\$\$M	H	₹	СНэ	∨ violet
352	6-HH-	н	SO ₂ C ₆ H ₆	СН	reddish blue

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Table 13
Polydyes From Discidic Anthrapyridone Compounds of Formula XVIII

Example No.	-о-(С [∞] ,н	Ru	R ₁₆	Rus	Color
253	€NH	4 - CH ₉	CO ₂ C ₂ H ₄	H	red
354	e-s-(\$\infty\)\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	H	CO ₂ C ₂ H ₆	н	orange
355	6-8	н	CN	СН₃	scarlet
356	4-8-© _{0,H}	6 - NHC ₆ H ₅	CN	CH ₃	violet
357	4-0-CO,H	6 - NHC ₄ H ₄ - 4 - CH ₃	CO ₂ C ₂ H ₆	СНэ	red
258	e−s————————————————————————————————————	6 - NHC ₆ H ₅	н	CH ₃	red
359	8-NK	H	COC ₈ H ₆	CH2CH2OC2H6	red
360	6—NH———————————————————————————————————	н .	CN	(CH ₄),CH ₃	violet
361	6—MH———————————————————————————————————	4 - B r	CN	CH ₃	violet

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Table 14
Polydyes From Diacidic Anthraquinone Compounds of Formula XIX

Example No.	(R _M	Color
362	1.5 - SINH-C)-OH	н	red
363	1.5 - SINH -	н	red
364	1.8 - GINH - OH	н	red
365	1.8 - S:NH-CH	н	red
366	2.3 - d18	1,4 - diNH ₂	blue
367	4.5 · 618	1,8 - diNHCH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	blue
368	4.8 - di5-CH	1,5 • diSC ₆ H ₆	red
369	4,5 · di5	1.8-di-8-C	red .
370	8,7 - di5-CM	1,4 - \$100 - \$1,50 - \$	sya n
37 1	6.7 - #\$0;————————————————————————————————————	1A - STICK-CH,	cyan
372	2,3 - 610	1,4 - diNH 2	violet

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Table 14
Polydyes From Diacidic Anthraquinone Compounds of Formula XIX

Example No.	((t))	R ₁₄	Color
373	4.5 • EHNH	1,8 - diOH	blue
374	4,5 - g/S-COH	1,8 - diNHC ₆ H ₁₁	blue
375	4.5 · di5 — OH	1.8 - 6INHCH;———————————————————————————————————	blue
376	4.5 · diS	1,8 - diNHCH2C(CH3)2CH2OH	blue
377	4.5 - g15—C>+	1,8 - diNHCH2CH(C2H4)C4H44	plue
378	2.7 - di\$	1,4,5,8 - terra NH ₂	biue
379	2.7 - d18————————————————————————————————————	1,6 - diNH ₂ , 4,5 - diOH	blue
380	2,7 - d/8	1,8 - diNH ₂ , 4,5 - diNHC ₆ H ₆	cyan
381	1.8 - BIN(CH,)80;	н	yellow

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Table 15
Polydyes From Discidic Anthraquinone Compounds of Formula XIXc

Example No	» (~~~)	R ₁₄	Celor
382	1,4 · 6INH	н	green
383	1.4 · giNH	н	blue
384	1,4 - gikhri — BO ₃ Nix — DO ₃ M	н	blue
385	1.4 · diNH ————————————————————————————————————	н	blue
386	TA - SINH SD, NH - DO, H	н	biue
387	1A · diNH SO ₂ N — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	н	blue
388	2.4 - 68-C-80,NH-C-00,H	1 - NH ₂	red
389	2.3 - 600	1,4 - diNH ₂	vi olet
390	2.3 · 255	1,4 - diNH ₆	blue

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Table 15
Polydyes From Diacidic Anthraquinone Compounds of Formula XXXC

Example No	. (~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Rus	Color
39 1	1,5 - SINH	н	red
392	1.8 - 61NH	н	₩d
393	1,5 - giNH	н	red
394	1.5 - SINH- CONH- CO3H	н	red
395	1.5 - GINH	н	red
396	1.5 - GINH	н	red

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Table 16
Polydyes From Diacidic Anthraquinone Compounds of Formula XIXd

Example No.	~ .	R ₁₄	Color
397	1 - NH	н	red
398	4 - NH	1 - NHC ₄ H ₈₋₀	blue
399	4 - NH	1 - NH ₂ , 2 - CN	syan
400	4 - NH	1-NH ₂ , 2 - SO ₂ N(CH ₃)C ₆ H ₅	biue
401	4 - NH	1 - NH ₃ , 2 - CF ₃	cyan
402	4 - NHI	1-4Hq, 2 - 8	blue
403	4 - NH	1 • NH ₂ • 2 • OCH ₂ CH ₂ OH	violet
404	4 - NH	1 - NH ₂ - 2 - Br	blue

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Table 16
Polydyes From Discidic Anthraquinone Compounds of Formula XIXd

Example No.		R _{I4}	Color
405	4 - NH- —————————————————————————————————	1-NH ₂ , 2 - 50 ₂ C ₆ H ₈	biue
406	4 - NH	1 - NH ₂ - 2 - Br	blue
407	8 - D - SD, N(CH ₃) - CD, H	1 - NH ₂ - 4 - OH	red
408	2 - O - SD ₂ N(CM ₂) - CD ₂ M	1,4 - diNH ₂	violet
409	2 - D	1-NH ₅ , 4 - NH	violet
410	2 · O	1-NH ₂ , 4 - NHEO _Z ————————————————————————————————————	red
411	2 - O	1-NH ₃ .4-8-0	red
412	2 · 8	1-NH ₂ , 4 - NHC ₃ H ₆	blue

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Table 16
Polydyes From Diacidic Anthraquinone Compounds of Formula XIXd

Example No.		R _M	Color
413	2 - 5D;————————————————————————————————————	1-NH ₂ , 4 - NHC ₆ H ₁₁	blue
414	2 · \$0,NH	1-NH ₂ , 4 - NHC ₆ H ₆	blue

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Table 17
Polydyes From Discidic Anthraquinone Compounds of Formula XIXe

Example No.		Rea	Color
415	1 - 6HH	н	red
416	4 - NH	1 - NHCH ₃	blue
417	4 - 1414	1-OH	violet
418	4 - NH	1 - NH ₂ - 2 - Br	blue
419	4- NH	1 - NH ₂ - 2 - OC ₅ H ₆	violet
420	4 - NH	1 - NH ₂ - 2 - SO ₂ CH ₃	سر b lue
421	a - NH	1 - NH ₂ - 2 - COC ₂ H ₆	blue
422	4-144-0-0-50,444	1 • NH ₂ - 2 - CF ₈	cyan
423	4 - NH	1 - NH ₂ - 2 - CONH ₂	blue
424	4-101-0-0-80,104	1 - NH ₂ - 2 - SO ₂ N(CH ₆) ₂	blue
425	4 - NH	1 - NHC ₈ H ₁₁	blus

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Table 17
Polydyes From Diacidic Anthraquinone Compounds of Formula XIXe

Example No.		R _{te}	Color
426	4 - NH	1 - NHC ₈ H ₆	green
427	2 - 0	1-NH ₂ , 4 - OH	red
428	2 · 0	1 - NH ₂ , 4 - NHSO ₂ CH ₃	red
429	2 - 0	1 - NH ₂ - 4 - NHCO ₂ C ₂ H ₅	red
430	2 · O	1 - NH ₂ - 4 - NHSO ₂ C ₆ H ₆	red
431	2 · O	1 - NH ₂ - 4 - NHCOC ₂ H ₆	red
432	2 - O	1,4 - diNH ₂	violet
433	2 - 80 ₃	1- NH ₂ - 4 - NHC ₆ H ₆	blue
434	4 - NH	1,8 - diOH, 5 - NO ₂	blue
435	4 - NH	1 - NH ₂ - 2 - 80 ₂ C ₆ H ₈	blue

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Table 18
Polydyes From Discidic Anthraquinones of Formula XIXI

Example No	(- CH)	R _M	Color
436	1,4 - dinni — SO,NH — OH	н	blue
437	1.4 - GINM	н	blue
438	1.6 - giNH	н	green
439	1.4 - BiNH - S-S-DH	н	green
440	1.5 - diNH	н	red
441	1.8 · GINH————————————————————————————————————	н	red
442	2.3 · dio	1,4 - diNH _a	violet
443	2.3 - d18-C-O-OH	1,4 - diNH ₂	blue
444	1,5 - GRNH	н	red

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Table 18
Polydyes From Discidic Anthraquinones of Formula XIXI

Example N	· (-3°-0-0)	R _M	Color
445	1.5 - dINH	4,8 - diNH ₂ , 3,7-dBr	blue
445	2.4 - d15	1 - NH ₂	red
447	1.4 - 0:NH	6,7 - diCl	cyan
448	1,4 - SINH- DONK DONK	н	blue
449	1,4 - diNM	H ·	blue

Table 19
Polydyes From Diacidic Anthrapyridines

Example No.	Anthrapyridines	Color
450		red
451		
452	C, M, NC S,	red
453	C, M, CH, CH, CH, CH, CH, CH, CH, CH, CH, CH	orange
454		violet

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Table 19
Polydyes From Diacidic Anthrapyridines

Example No.	Anthrapyridines	Color
455	NC Y N	red
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Table 20 Polydyes From Diacidic Nitroarylamines

Example No.	Nitrosrylamina Compound	Color
456	NC ₃ C	ysilow
457	HO,C	yellow
458	MO,C	yellow
459	NO ₂ NO ₂ NO ₂ N	yellow
460	CH, NO, S - NH S CH,	yellow
461	D,N——NH—————————————————————————————————	yellow
462	HO, CCH, —————————————————————————————————	yellow
463	C	yellow
484	1/2 NC - NC	yellow

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Table 20 Polydyes From Discidic Nitroarylamines

Example No.	Nitroarylamine Compound	Color
485	HO,C	yellow

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Table 21 Miscellaneous Polydyes

Example No.	Discidic Compound Reacted	Disuffonate Compound Reacted	Color
455	100,0 − € 100,0 × 10	onteotolonification	red
457		E0,00H,—————————————————————————————————	orange
468	BD,NH,	сн, с сн, сново, сн, сн, сн, сн, сн, сн, сн, сн, сн, сн	yellow
469		сн, сн, сновој— сн,	blue
470	PO, OH CO, H	cңso,ocңсңo- ()—ocңсңoso,cң	yellow
471		— сн. во, осн, сн. ово, сн. — —	blue

Table 21 Miscellaneous Polydyes

Example No.	Discidic Compound Reacted	Disuffonate Compound Reacted	Color
472			yellow
473	HO,C NH, N-CH,	CH,SD,(OCH,CH,);OSO,CH,	yellow
474	N-N-CH ₃ D NH - CO ₃ H CO ₃ H	CH,50,0CH,CH,8CH,CH,030,CH,	red
475	~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~ ~~~~	\$ D,CH, CH,SD,DCH,CH,VCH,CH,DSD,CH,	red
476	MC,C N N CH,	eಗೆತಿರೌರಂಗೆಂಗೆ исಗೆಂಗೆ ರಾಶ್ಚೆಂಗೆ ಕೆಗೆ	violet
477	**************************************	оң го ,осңоңисңоного,оң	yellow
478		CH ₈ SD ₂ DCH ₂ CH ₂ DSD ₂ CH ₈	orange

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Table 21 Miscellaneous Polydyes

Example No.	Discidic Compound Reacted	Disutionate Compound Reacted	Color
479	MO'C WHI CO'C'H	ен, во јоси, сн, оси, сн, ово јен,	orange
480	HO,C C C, M	CH2SD9DEH3CH(CH3)EH2D3D4CH3	yellow
481	C, M, N CON	೧೫೨೯೫೨೩೮೩೦೦೫ _೨ ೯೫೨೯೫೨೦೩೦ _೨ ೯೫ _೨ ೯೫೨	red
482	MO,C-CM-N-M-M-M-M-M-M-M-M-M-M-M-M-M-M-M-M-M	". C"H" & D"D CH" CH" CH" CH" D & D" C" H"	yellow
483	HO, CCH, CH, O TO TO TO TO THE CH, EM, EM, EM, EM, EM, EM, EM, EM, EM, EM	೯ ೫,5 0,0(೯೫ _೩),080,೯೫೩	red
484		ಲ್ಯಕರ್ಕಿಂಲಗ್ಲ—	orange
485	WHI-COOK	20,000,04,080,04	reddish- yellow

Table 21 Miscellaneous Polydyes

Example No.	Discidic Compound Reacted	Disulfonate Compound Reacted	Color
486		c	yellow
487	HO ₂ C	сн , во _р о(сн _у уовој сн _у	blue
488	NH DO H	c 40— > \$0,004,04,080;—>004,	orange
489		CI	ye llow
490	DEC. CED HO,C CO,H	¢	As ilóm
491	and the second s	ರಾಜಗೈಕರ್ವರಿಜಗೃಜಗ್ಯರಿಕರ್ನಿಲ್ಕಾರಗ	yallow
492		£н ² 60 ² 02н ² сн ² 02н ² сн ² 080 ² сн ³	blue

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Table 21 Miscellaneous Polydyes

Example No.	Discidic Compound Resisted	Disulionate Compound Reacted	Color
493	BEG, NHI,	cңso,ocy————— cңoso,oң	greenish- blue
494		೯ 4,80,004,04, − €	greenish- blue
495	SD, NH,	cң\$0,0cңcңs— ∕ scңcңoso,cӊ	red
495		сн, во, осн, сн, во, сн, сн, ово, сн,	orange
497		cн²εರ³ದ(6н³, ^л 'ם≊ರ°сн°	red

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Table 21 Miscellaneous Polydyes

Example No.	Discidic Compound Reseted	Disulfonate Compound Reacted	Color
498	FO,NH COM	сң сң, обо, сң сң,	blue
499	HD ₂ C-CT ₀ NCC-CD ₂ H	cңso,ocңcңo———— ocңcңoso,cң	orange
\$00	HO,C 000,H	CH3SD3D(CH3)4DSD3CH3	red
501	CuPc-so,nh,	c+380,0C+,C+2080,C+3	blue
502	[CuPc-]-so, NH	£H3\$D3DEH3CH3OCH3EH3D\$CH3	blue
503		ен, во, осн, сн, всн, сн, ово, сн,	yellow
804	₩ , ₩	ochosoich cheoioch—	reddish- yellow
605	(HO,CCH,CH,),N	сн,\$0,0сн,сн,080,сн,	red

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Table 22
Polymeric UV Absorbers

No.	Discidic Compound Rescied	Disulfonate Compound Reacted
506	ноэ в доун	cн°20°0(сн°)°020°сн°
\$07	но ₃ с	chiediochichioedichi
508 CH		сң s о, о с ң — — с ң о s о, с н ,
809	HO HO OH	cңso,o(cӊ),oso,cӊ
B 10	HO HO OH	EH3803D(CH3)3D8D3CH3
H 311 H	CH, O CH, O CO, C, H,	CH ₈ SD ₂ O(CH ₂) ₆ DSD ₂ CH ₃
512 ≈ ⊄-≺		ch²sd'och'ch'osd'ch²
i13 HO	,c-<->	CH38D3D(CH3)3DSD3CH3

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Table 22
Polymeric UV Absorbers

Example No.	Discidic Compound Reacted	Disulfonate Compound Reacted
814		CH3803⊅(CH37°080³CH3
8 15	HO,C CHEC CO,CH,	ch*20°0cH*cH(CH*)CH*020°CH*
516	MD,C N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	EH35030(EH3EH30)3503EH3
517	HO,C 1 N-C 20,H	сн ₃ 50,0сн ₃ сн ₃ 050 ₃ сн ₃
\$18		ен, во, осн, сн, всн, сн, ово, сн,
519	HO, CCH, - N, - CH, CO, H	€H₂\$D₂D(€H₂)₂D\$D₃EH₃
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52 1	(HO_C	cH2D1OCHCHCHO2O1CH
522		ರ ರಗ್ಯಕಿರ್ಯರಂಗ್ಯರೀರ್ಯ ರಗ್ಯಕಿರ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗೆ

Table 23
Polymeric Infrared Light Absorbers

Example No.	Discidic Compound Rescted	Disulfonate Compound Reacted
22 3		ен _з ѕо _з осн _з сн _з озо _з сн _э
524	C WILL CO, H	ದಗ್ಯಕರ _{ತಿ} ರೀದಗ _ತ ್ಕಿರಕರ್ತಿದಗ _ತ
\$25	MC,C NIH	CH,50,0(CH,),050,CH,
826	MD, C	ರ
\$27	NC NH CO ₂ M	ದಿಗ್ಯ\$ರ್ಯರಿ(Cಗ _a) _ಇ ರಿತರೄದಿಗ _a
120	240	си'20'0сн'си'0си'си'030'си'

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Table 23
Polymeric Infrared Light Absorbers

Example No.	Discidic Compound Reacted	Disuffonate Compound Reacted
\$29	NC CH CHENCON, NHOOON,	ен*80*0сн*ен*080*ен*
530	CHACH CHACH CHACH	CH3SD3OCH3CH3CH3CSD3CH3
531	NHT BO	сн _э sо _э осн _э сн _э озо _э сн _э
532	0,N	сн, 50,0сн, сн, 050, сн,
533	0H 0 HH ○ - ○ - ∞,H	cH2SD2DCH2CH2DSD2CH2
63 4	PCAIOH - BO, NH, Pc = phthaboyentre	CH3ED3OCH3CH3OSD3CH3
53 5	No shaphtheboyenthe	сн'20'осн"сн"о80'сн"

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Table 23 Polymeric Infrared Light Absorbers

Example No.	Discidic Compound Reseted	Disuffonate Compound Reacted
836	[PCAIOH-](-CO,H)	ch3ed3o(ch3)4oed3ch3

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CLAIMS

WE CLAIM

1. A method comprising reacting

a) at least one diacidic monomer, comprising about 1 to 100 mole % of at least one light-absorbing monomer having a light absorption maximum between about 300 nm and about 1200 nm and 99-0 mole % of a non-light absorbing monomer which does not absorb significant light at wavelengths above 300 nm or has a light absorption maximum below 300 nm, with

b) an organic compound having the formula

composition having the formula

$X-B-X_1$

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wherein B is a divalent organic radical selected from the group consisting of C_2 - C_{12} alkylene, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkylene, C_1-C_4 alkylene- $C_3 C_8$ -cycloalkylene- C_1-C_4 alkylene, C_1-C_4 alkylene-arylene- C_1 - C_4 alkylene, C_2 - C_4 -alkylene-L-20 arylene-L- C2-C4 alkylene and C2-C4 alkylene-(L- C2-C4 alkylene) 1-4, wherein L is a linking group selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -NH-, -N(C_1 - C_6 alkyl)-, -N(aryl)-, -N(SO₂ C_1 - C_6 alkyl)-, -N(SO₂ aryl)-, $-SO_2N(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})-$ and combinations thereof; X and X_1 are 25 reactive groups and are independently selected from the group consisting of bromine, iodine and R-SO2O; wherein R is selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_6 alkyl; C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted with chlorine, fluorine, C1-C6 alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio or C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl; C_3-C_8 30 cycloalkyl or aryl, wherein said reaction is carried out in a solvent in the presence of a base to form a light absorbing polymeric

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-A-B-

wherein B is as defined above, n is at least 2 and A comprises the residue of said diacidic monomer.

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2. The process of claim 1 where said light-absorbing monomers have the formula

H-Y-H

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wherein H represents an acidic hydrogen atom; Y is a divalent light-absorbing moiety selected from the group consisting of chromophoric classes of azo, disazo, triazo, bis-azo, methine, arylidene, polymethine, azo-methine, azamethine, anthraquinone, anthrapyridone (3H-15 dibenz[f,ij]isoquinoline-2,7-dione, nitroarylamines anthrapyridine (7H-dibenz[f,ij]isoquinoline-7-one, phthaloylphenothiazine (14H-naphth[2,3-a]phenothiazine-8,13-dione, benzanthrone (7H(de)anthracene-7-one), 20 anthrapyrimidine (7H-benzo[e]perimidine-7-one), anthrapyrazole, anthraisothiazole, triphenodioxazine, thiaxanthene-9-one, fluorindine (5,12-dihydroquinoxaline [2,3-b] phenazine, quinophthalone, phthalocyanine, metal phthalocyanine, naphthalocyanine, metal naphthalocyanine, 25 nickel dithiolenes, squarylium compounds, croconium compounds, coumarin (2H-1-benzopyran-2-one), coumarin imine (2H-1-benzopyran-2-imine), perinone, benzodifuran, phthaloylacridone, phthaloylphenoxazine (14H-naphtho[2,3a]phenoxazine-8,13-done, phthaloylacridone (13Hnaphtho[2,3-c] acridine-5,8,14-trione), 30 anthraquinonethioxanthane (8H-naphtho[2,3-c]thioxanthene-5,8,13-trione, anthrapyridazone, pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole, indigo, thioindigo, quinoline, xanthene, acridine, azine, cyanine, oxazine, 1,4 and 1,5-naphthoquinones, 2,5-

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diarylaminoterephthalic acids and esters, pyromellitic acid dimide, naphthalene-1,4,5,8-tetracarboxylic acid diimide, 3,4,9,10-perylenetetracarboxylic acid diimide, 3aryl-2,5-dioxypyrroline, 3-aryl-5-dicyanomethylene-2-5 oxopyrroline, arylisoindoline, hydroxybenzophenone, benoztriazole, naphthotriazole, diminoisoindoline, naphthopyran (3H-naphtho[2,1-6]pyran-3-one and 3-imine, phthalimides, 2-arylbenzazoles, carbostyryls, 1,2diarylethenes, 2,5-diarylthiophenes, 2,5-diaryl-1,3,4-10 oxadiazoles, triazines, 2,5-diarylfurans, 2,5-diaryl-1,3,4-thiadiazoles, thiophenes, 1,3-diphenyl-2pyrazolines, 2-arylbenzofurans, 2,6-diphenylbenzofurans, quinolines, quinoxalines, 3,4-diarylfuanones, distyrylarenes, benzanthrones, polyarenes and 15 naphthalimides.

- 3. The method of claim 2 wherein the hydrogen atoms of said formula H-Y-H are independently bonded to an oxygen, sulfur, or nitrogen atom which is a part of the light absorbing moiety Y and which in combination provides two acidic functional groups.
- 4. The method of claim 3 wherein said acidic functional groups have pKa values of from about 1.5 to about 12.

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- 5. The method of claim 3 wherein said acidic

 functional groups are independently selected from the
 group consising of -CO₂H, -SH, -OH attached to an aromatic
 ring, -CONHCO-, -SO₂-NH-CO-, -SO₂-NH-SO₂-, 1(H)-1,2,4triazol-3-yl-, imidazolyl, benzimidazolyl, pyrazolyl,
 -SO₂H attached to aromatic ring, -NHSO₂R₅ and-SO₂NHR₅,

 wherein R₅ is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₆
 alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, aryl and C₁-C₆ alkyl substituted
 with at least one group selected from the group consisting
 of C₁-C₆ alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio and C₃-C₈
 cycloalkyl.
- 35 6. The method of claim 1 wherein said non lightabsorbing monomers have the formula

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$H-Y_1-H$

wherein H represents an acidic hydrogen atom; Y1 is a 5 divalent moiety selected from the group consisting of-O₂C- R_1 -CO₂- and-O- R_2 -O- and-O₂C- R_3 -O-, wherein R_1 is selected from the group consisting of C_2-C_{12} alkylene, 1-4cyclohexylene, arylene, arylene-O-arylene, arylene-SO2arylene, arylene-S-arylene, and C1-C4 alkylene-O- C1-C4 10 alkylene; wherein R2 is selected from the group consisting of arylene, arylene-O-arylene, arylene-S-arylene, arylene-SO2-arylene, phenylene-phenylene, and phenylene-C(R4)2phenylene; wherein R4 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C1-C4 alkyl; wherein R3 is selected from arylene. 15

- 7. The method of claim 1 wherein said polymeric composition is linear.
- 8. The method of claim 1 wherein said diacidic monomers have pK, values of about 12 or below.
- 9. The method of claim 2 wherein H-Y-H includes a moiety selected from the group consisting of carboxy groups attached to an aromatic ring carbon or aliphatic carbon, hydroxy groups attached to an unsubstituted or substituted phenyl or naphthyl radical, -CO-NHCO- groups 25 attached to an aromatic ring to provide an imide and 1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl group having the formula

- 30 wherein R5' is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl and aryl.
 - 10. The method of claim 1 where n is between about 2 and about 25.

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11. The method of claim 1 wherein n is between about 3 and about 15.

- 12. The method of claim 1 wherein said base is selected from the group consising of alkali metal carbonates, alkali metal bicarbonates and tertiary amines, aromatic nitrogen bases, bicyclic nitrogen containing bases having non-hindered electron pairs and mixtures thereof.
- 13. The method of claim 12 wherein said base is

 10 selected from the group consisting of triethylamine, trin-butylamine, N-methylpiperidine, N,N'-dimethylpiperazine,
 N-methylmorpholine and N,N,N',N'tetramethylethylenediamine, pyridines, picolines,
 quinolines, isoquinolines, N-alkylpyrroles, Nalkylimidazoles, 1,8-diazabicyclo[5,4,0]undec-7-ene (DBU),
 1,5-diazabicylco[4,3,0]non-5-ene (DBN) and 1,4-
 - 14. The method of claim 1 wherein said solvent is one or more aprotic polar solvents.

diazadicyclo[2,2,2]octane (DABCO®) and mixtures thereof.

- 20 15. The method of claim 1 wherein said solvent is selected from the group consisting of N,N-dimethylacetamide, N,N-dimethylformamide, N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone, N-methyl-N-phenyl formamide, dimethylsulfoxide, aliphatic nitriles, sulfolane, hexamethyl phosphoramide, water, alcohols, ketones pyridine and ether-alcohols and mixtures thereof.
 - 16. The method of claim 15 wherein said solvent is selected from the group consisting of N,N-dimethylacetamide, N,N-dimethylformamide, N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone, N-methyl-N-phenyl formamide, dimethylsulfoxide, aliphatic nitriles, sulfolane and hexamethyl phosphoramide and mixtures thereof.

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17. The method of claim 1 wherein said reacting is conducted at a temperature between about 75°C and about 35 125°C.

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18. The method of claim 1 wherein said organic compound having the formula

 $X-B-X_1$

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- is selected from the group consisting of disulfonate compounds where X and X₁ are both a sulfonate ester of the formula-OSO₂R, wherein R is selected from C₁-C₄ alkyl, phenyl or p-methylphenyl and wherein B is selected from C₂-C₆ alkylene, -CH₂-1,4-cyclohexylene-CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂(O CH₂CH₂)₁₋₄ and-CH₂CH₂O-1,4-phenylene-O-CH₂CH₂-.
 - 19. The method of claim 18 wherein said B moiety of organic compound of Formula II is selected from the group consisting of- CH_2CH_2- , $-CH_2CH(CH_3)CH_2-$, $-CH_2C(CH_3)_2CH_2-$, $-(CH_2)_4-$, $-(CH_2)_6-$, $-CH_2CH_2OCH_2CH_2-$ and $-CH_2-1$, 4- cyclohexylene- $-CH_2-$.
- 20. The method of claim 1 wherein said organic compound having the formula X-B-X1 is selected from the group consisting of 1,2-ethandiol, dimethanesulfonate;
 20 1,2-ethanediol bis(4-methylbenzenesulfonate); 1,4 butanediol, dimethane sulfonate; 1,6-hexanediol, dimethanesulfonate; 1,3-propanediol,2,2-dimethyl-, dimethanesulfonate; 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol, dimethanesulfonate; 1,1,3,3-tetramethylcyclobutanediol, dimethanesulfonate, and ethanol 2,2'-oxybis-dimethanesulfonate.
 - 21. The method of claim 1 wherein A of said light absorbing polymeric composition comprises 100 mole% of said light-absorbing monomer.
- 22. The method of claim 1 wherein said diacidic light absorbing monomer has a light absorption maximum between about 300 nm and about 1200 nm and is present in said light absorbing polymeric composition in an amount at least about 50% by weight %.
- 35 23. A light absorbing composition having the formula

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 $-\left\{A_{i}-B\right\}_{n}$

wherein A₁ comprises the residue of at least one diacidic monomer having a light absorption maximum between about 300 nm and about 1200 nm, and wherein B is a divalent organic radical selected from the group consisting of C₂-C₁₂ alkylene, C₃-C₈ cycloalkylene, C₁-C₄ alkylene-C₃-C₈-cycloalkylene- C₁-C₄ alkylene, C₁-C₄ alkylene-arylene-C₁-C₄ alkylene, and C₂-C₄-alkylene-L-arylene-L- C₂-C₄ alkylene and C₂-C₄ alkylene-(L- C₂-C₄ alkylene)₁₋₄, wherein L is a linking group selected from-O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -NH-, -N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(aryl)-, -N(SO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(SO₂ aryl)-, -SO₂N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)- and combinations thereof; wherein n is at least 2.

- 24. A composition comprising a thermoplastic 15 polymer blended with at least one light absorbing linear polymeric composition of claim 23.
- 25. The composition of claim 24 wherein said thermoplastic polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyesters, polyolefins, polyamides, polyimides, polyvinyl chloride, polyurethanes, polycarbonates, cellulose esters, polyacrylates, polyvinylesters, polyester-amides, polystyrene, polyacrylonitrile-butadiene- styrene, polystyrene-acrylonitrile and mixtures and blends thereof.
 - 26. The composition of claim 23 wherein A_1 comprises the residue of at least one diacidic monomer having the structure

H-Y-H

wherein H represents an acidic hydrogen atom and Y is a divalent light-absorbing moiety selected from the chromophoric classes consisting of azo, disazo, triazo, bis-azo, methine, arylidene, polymethine, azo-methine, azamethine, anthraquinone, anthrapyridone (3H-dibenz[f,ij] isoquinoline-2,7-dione, nitroarylamines anthrapyridine

(7H-dibenz[f,ij]isoquinoline-7-one, phthaloylphenothiazine (14H-naphth[2,3-a]phenothiazine-8,13-dione, benzanthrone (7H(de)anthracene-7-one), anthrapyrimidine (7Hbenzo[e]perimidine-7-one), anthrapyrazole, anthraisothiazole, triphenodioxazine, thiaxanthene-9-one, fluorindine (5,12-dihydroquinoxaline [2,3-b]phenazine, quinophthalone, phthalocyanine, metal phthalocyanine, naphthalocyanine, metal naphthalocyanine, nickel dithiolenes, squarylium compounds, croconium compounds, coumarin (2H-1-benzopyran-2-one), coumarin imine (2H-1benzopyran-2-imine), perinone, benzodifuran, phthaloylacridone, phthaloylphenoxazine (14H-naphtho[2,3a]phenoxazine-8,13-done, phthaloylacridone (13Hnaphtho[2,3-c] acridine-5,8,14-trione), anthraquinonethioxanthane (8H-naphtho[2,3-c]thioxanthene-5,8,13-trione, anthrapyridazone, pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole, indigo, thioindigo, quinoline, xanthene, acridine, azine, cyanines, oxazine, 1,4 and 1,5-naphthoquinones, 2,5diarylaminoterephthalic acids and esters, pyromellitic acid dimide, naphthalene-1,4,5,8-tetracarboxylic acid diimide, 3,4,9,10-perylenetetracarboxylic acid diimide, 3aryl-2,5-dioxypyrroline, 3-aryl-5-dicyanomethylene-2oxopyrroline, arylisoindoline, hydroxybenzophenone, benoztriazole, naphthotriazole, diminoisoindoline, naphthopyran (3H-naphtho[2,1-6]pyran-3-one and 3-imine, phthalimides, 2-arylbenzazoles, carbostyryls, 1,2diarylethenes, 2,5-diarylthiophenes, 2,5-diaryl-1,3,4oxadiazoles, triazines, 2,5-diarylfurans, 2,5-diaryl-1,3,4-thiadiazoles, thiophenes, 1,3-diphenyl-2pyrazolines, 2-arylbenzofurans, 2,6-diphenylbenzofurans, quinolines, quinoxalines, 3,4-diarylfuanones,

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naphthalimides.

27. The light absorbing linear polymeric35 composition of claim 23 or 26

distyrylarenes, benzanthrones, polyarenes and

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wherein A₁ further comprises less than about 50% by weight of the total composition of a residue of at least one nonlight absorbing monomer having the formula

 $H-Y_1-H$

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wherein Y_1 is a divalent moiety, selected from the group consisting of- $O_2C-R_1-CO_2-$ and- $O-R_2-O-$ and- O_2C-R_3-O- , wherein R_1 is selected from the group consisting of C_2 - C_{12} alkylene, 1-4-cyclohexylene, arylene, arylene-0-arylene, 10 arylene-SO₂-arylene, arylene-S-arylene, and C1-C4 alkylene-O- C1-C4 alkylene; wherein R2 is selected from the group consisting of arylene, arylene-O-arylene, arylene-Sarylene, arylene-SO2-arylene, phenylene-phenylene, and phenylene- $C(R_4)_2$ -phenylene; wherein R_4 is selected from the 15 group consisting of hydrogen and C_1-C_4 alkyl; wherein R_3 is arylene; wherein B is is a divalent organic radical selected from the group consisting of C_2-C_{12} alkylene, C_3-C_8 cycloalkylene, C₁-C₄ alkylene-C₃-C₈-cycloalkylene-C₁-C₄ alkylene, C_1-C_4 alkylene-arylene- C_1-C_4 alkylene, and C_2- 20 C₄-alkylene-L-arylene-L-C₂-C₄ alkylene and C₂-C₄ alkylene-(L-C₂-C₄ alkylene)₁₋₄, wherein L is a linking group selected from-O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -NH-, -N(C_1 - C_6 alkyl)-, -N(aryl)-, - $N(SO_2 C_1-C_6 alkyl)-$, $-N(SO_2aryl)-$, $-SO_2N(C_1-C_6 alkyl)-$ and combinations thereof; wherein n is at least 2.

28. The light absorbing linear polymeric composition of Claim 25 wherein A1 comprises the residue of at least one diacidic monomer having at least one acidic group other than carboxy and having a light absorption maximum between about 300 nm and about 1200 nm 30 and wherein B is a divalent organic radical selected from C_2-C_{12} alkylene, C_3-C_8 cycloalkylene, C_1-C_4 alkylene- C_3- C₈-cycloalkylene- C₁-C₄ alkylene, C₁-C₄ alkylene-arylene-C1-C4 alkylene, and C2- C4-alkylene-L-arylene-L- C2-C4 alkylene and C2-C4 alkylene-(L-C2-C4 alkylene)1-4, wherein L is a linking group selected from-O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -NH-, $-N(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})-$, -N(aryl-, $-N(SO_2 C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})-$,

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-(SO_2 aryl)-, - $SO_2N(C_1-C_6$ alkyl)- and combinations thereof; wherein n is at least 2.

- 29. The process of claim 2 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises two carboxy groups as acidic functional groups.
- 30. The process of claim 2 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises two 1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-ylthio groups as acidic functional groups.
- 31. The process of claim 2 wherein said light

 10 absorbing monomer comprises one carboxy and one 1(H)
 1,2,4-triazol-3-ylthio group as acidic functional groups.
 - 32. The process of claim 2 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises two hydroxy groups attached to aromatic ring(s).
- 33. The process of claim 2 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises one imide group and one carboxy group.

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- 34. The process of claim 2 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises one imide group and one 1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-ylthio group.
- 35. The composition of claim 25 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises two carboxy groups as acidic functional groups.
- 36. The composition of claim 25 wherein said light 25 absorbing monomer comprises two 1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-ylthio groups as acidic functional groups.
 - 37. The composition of claim 25 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises one carboxy and one 1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-ylthio group as acidic functional groups.
 - 38. The composition of claim 25 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises two hydroxy groups attached to aromatic ring(s).
- 39. The composition of claim 25 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises one imide group and one 35 carboxy group.

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40. The composition of claim 23 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises one imide group and one 1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-ylthio group.

- 41. The composition of claim 23 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises a diacidic sulfamoyl (-SO₂NH₂) group.
- 42. The composition of claim 25 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises two acidic groups independently selected from the group consisting of -CO₂H, SH, hydroxy attached to an aromatic ring, -CONHCO-(imide), -SO₂NHCO-, -SO₂NHSO₂-, 1(H)-1,2,4-triazolyl-3-yl-, imidazolyl, benzimidazolyl, pyrazolyl, -SO₂H attached to an aromatic ring, -NHSO₂R₅ and-SO₂NHR₅, wherein R₅ is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₆ alkyl; C₁-C₆ alkyl substituted with at least one group selected from C₁-C₆ alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio and C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl; C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl; aryl.
 - 43. The composition of claim 27 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises two carboxy groups as acidic functional groups.

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- 44. The composition of claim 27 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises two $1(H)-1,2,4-{\rm triazol}-3-{\rm ylthio}$ groups as acidic functional groups.
- 45. The composition of claim 27 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises one carboxy and one 1(H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-ylthio group as acidic functional groups.
- 46. The composition of claim 27 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises two hydroxy groups attached to aromatic ring(s).
- 47. The composition of claim 27 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises one imide group and one carboxy group.
- 48. The composition of claim 27 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises one imide group and one 1(H)-35 1,2,4-triazol-3-ylthio group.

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- 49. The composition of claim 27 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises a diacidic sulfamoyl $(-SO_2NH_2)$ group.
- 50. The composition of claim 27 wherein said light absorbing monomer comprises two acidic groups independently selected from-CO₂H, SH, hydroxy attached to an aromatic ring, -CONHCO- (imide), -SO₂NHCO-, -SO₂NHSO₂-, 1(H)-1,2,4-triazolyl-3-yl-, imidazolyl, benzimidazolyl, pyrazolyl, -SO₂H attached to an aromatic ring, -NHSO₂R₅ and-SO₂NHR₅, wherein R₅ is selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl; C₁-C₆ alkyl substituted with at least one group selected from C₁-C₆ alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio and C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl; C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl; aryl.
- 51. The light absorbing linear polymeric composition of claim 27 wherein said at least one diacidic monomer comprises at least about 50% by weight of the total composition.
- 52. The composition of claim 51 wherein the light absorbing portion of A comprises the residue of at least 20 one diacidic light absorbing monomer selected from the group consisting of the anthraquinone and anthrapyridone colorants having the structures:

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$$R_{14} \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow SO_{2}NH_{2}$$

$$R_{14} \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow CO_{2}H$$

$$R_{14} \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow CO_{2}H$$

$$R_{14} \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow Q$$

$$R_{15} \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow Q$$

$$R_{16} \longrightarrow Q$$

$$R_{16}$$

wherein R₁₄ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and 1-4 groups selected from amino, C₁-C₁₀

5 alkylamino, C₃-C₈ alkenylamino, C₃-C₈ alkynylamino, C₃-C₈ cycloalkylamino, arylamino, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, aryl, aroyl, C₁-C₆ alkanoyl, C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, NHCO C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHCOaryl, NHCO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHSO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHSO₂ aryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy, arylthio, heteroarylthio, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, thiocyano, SO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, SO₂ aryl, -SO₂NH C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, -SO₂N(C₁-C₆ alkyl) aryl, CONH C₁-C₆ alkyl, furfurylamino, tetrahydrofurfurylamino, 4-(hydroxymethyl)

15 cyclohexanemethylamino,

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-NH-CHCH2SO2CH2CH2

or hydroxy; Q and Q' are independently selected from the group consisting of-O-, $-N(COR_{10})$ -, $-N(SO_2R_{10})$ -, $-N(R_{10})$ -, -S-, -SO₂-, -CO₂-, -CON(R_{10})-, SO₂N (R_{10})-, wherein R_{10} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, or C_1-C_{10} alkyl; R_{15} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, cyano, C_1-C_6 alkylamino, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, halogen, arylthio, aryl, heteroaryl, 10 heteroarylthio, C1-C6 alkoxycarbonyl, aroyl or arylsulfonyl; R16 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl and aryl; R_{16} ' is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, halogen and C_1-C_6 alkoxy; wherein each C_1-C_6 alkyl 15 group and $C_1\text{--}C_6$ alkyl group which is a portion of another group may contain at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, cyano, chlorine, fluorine, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_3-C_8 cycloalkoxy, C_1-C_6 20 alkylcyclohexyl, hydroxmethyl cyclohexyl, aryl and heteroaryl; with the provision that two acidic groups containing one acidic proton each or one acidic group containing two acidic hydrogens be present in the diacidic compounds.

53. The composition of claim 26 or 27 wherein the light absorbing portion of A comprises the residue of at least one light absorbing monomer selected from the group consisting of azo, disazo, bis-azo and azomethine and having respectively the structures:

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$R_6 + N = N - Z$, $R_6 - N = N - R_7 - N = N - Z$, $R_6 - N = N - Y_1 - N = N - R_6$ and D = HC - N = N - Z

wherein R₆ is the residue of an aromatic or heteroaromatic amine which has been dizactized and coupled with a coupling component H-Z and is derived from an amine

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selected from the group consisting of aromatic and heteroaromatic amine classes selected from the group consisting of aniline, 1-aminonaphthalene, 1-aminoanthraquinone, 4-aminoazobenzene, 2-aminothiazole, 2-aminobenzothiazole, 3-amino-2,1-benzisothiazole, 2aminothieno[2,3-d]thiazole, 5-aminoisothiazole, 5aminopyrazole, 4-aminopyrazoloisothiazole, 2-amino-1,3,4thiadiazole, 5-amino-1,2,4-thiadiazole, 5-amino-1,2,3triazole, 2-amino-1,3,4-triazole, 2(5) aminoimidazole, 3-aminopyridine, 2(3) aminothiophene, 2(3) 10 aminobenzo[b]thiophene, 2-aminothieno[3,2-b]thiophene, 3aminothieno[2,3-c]isothiazole, 3-amino-7-benz-2,1-isothiazole, 3-aminobenzothienoisothiazole, 3-aminoisothiazole[3,4-d]pyrimidine, 5-amino-15 1,2,3-triazole, 3(4) aminophthalimide and 5(6) amino-1,2benzisothiazolon-1,1-dioxide with said aromatic and heteroaromatic ring systems being unsubstituted or substituted with one or more groups selected from C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, carboxy, halogen, 20 C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, formyl, C_1-C_6 alkanoyl, C_1-C_6 alkanoyloxy, dicyanovinyl, C3-C8-cycloalkanoyl, thiocyano, trifluroacetyl, cyano, carbamoyl, -CONH-C1-C6 alkyl, CONHaryl, CON(C1-C6 alkyl)2, sulfamoyl, SO2NH C1-C6 alkyl, $SO_2N(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})_2$, $SO_2NHaryl$, $SO_2NH C_3-C_8 \text{ cycloalkyl}$, CONH25 C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, aryl, aroyl, -NHSO₂ C_1-C_6 alkyl, -N(C_1-C_6 alkyl)SO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, -NHSO₂ aryl, NHCO C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHCO C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, NHCOaryl, NHCO₂ C_1-C_6 alkyl, NHCONH C_1-C_6 alkyl, NHCONHaryl, N(C1-C6 alkyl)aryl, arylazo, heteroaryl, aryloxy, arylthio, C3-C8 cycloalkoxy, heteroarylazo, 30 heteroarylthio, arylsulfonyl, tricyanovinyl, aryloxysulfonyl, C1-C6 alkylsulfonyl, trifluoromethyl, fluorosulfonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, thiocyano, hydroxy, nitro or CH=D, wherein D is the residue of an active methylene compound selected from the group

consisting of malononitrile, α -cyanoacetic acid esters, malonic acid esters, α -cyanacetic acid amides, α -C₁-C₆

alkylsulfonylacetonitriles, α-arylsulfonylacetonitriles,
α-C₁-C₆ alkanoylacetonitriles, α-aroylacetonitriles,
α-heteroarylacetonitriles, bis (heteroaryl)methanes, 1,3indanediones, 2-furanones, benzo-2-furanones, naphtho-2furanones, 2-indolones, 3-cyano-1,6-dihydro-4-methyl-2,6dioxy (2H)-pyridines, benzo (b) thieno-3-ylidene propane
dinitrile-5,5-dioxides, 1,3-bis(dicyanomethylene) indanes,
barbituric acid, 5-pyrazolones, dimedone, 3-oxo-2,3dihydro-1-benzothiophene-1,1-dioxides or aryl10 C(CH₃)C=C(CN)₂; wherein R₇ is a divalent aromatic or
heteroaromatic radical selected from the group consisting
of 1,4-phenylene, naphthalene-1,4-diyl, thiazol-2,5-diyl
and thiophene-2,5-diyl:

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wherein R₆ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or 1-2 groups selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, cyano, halogen, -NHCO C₁-C₆ alkyl, -NHCO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, -NHCO aryl, -NHCONH aryl or NHCONH C₁-C₆ alkyl; R₉ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, aryl, heteroaryl; R₁₀ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, carbamoyl, aryl, arylsulfonyl, aroyl, -CONH C₁-C₆ alkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl; wherein Z is the residue of a coupling compound selected from the group consisting of electron rich compound classes of anilines, 1-aminonaphthalenes, 1,2-dihydroquinolines, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolines, benzomorpholines (3,4-dihydro-2H-1,4-benzoxazine),

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pyrazolones, pyrazoles, 3-cyano-6-hydroxy-2-pyridones, 2,3-dihydroindoles, indoles, 4-hydroxycoumarins, 4-hydroxy-2-quinolones, imidazo[2,1-b]thiazoles, julolidines (2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5H-5 benzo[ij]quinolizines), 1-oxajulolidines, 1,2,5,6tetrahydro-4H-pyrrolo[3,2,1-ij]quinolines, 2,6-diamino-3 cyanopyridines, 2-aminothiazoles, 2-aminothiophenes, 5,5dimethyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione (dimedone), phenols, naphthols, 2,4-pentanediones or acetoacetarylides; wherein 10 Y₁ is the residue of a bis coupling component selected from the group consisting of anilines, 1,2dihydroquinolines, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolines, benzomorpholines (3,4-dihydro- 2H-1,4-benzoxazines), 3cyano-6-hydroxy-2-pyridones, 2,6-diaminopyridines, 2,3dihydroindoles, naphthylamines, 2-aminothiazoles, or a combination of these; with the provision that two acidic functional groups containing one acidic hydrogen each or a functional group containing two acidic hydrogen are present in the diacidic light absorbing monomer.

54. The composition of claim 53 wherein Z is

selected from the group consisting of:

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wherein R₁₇ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-2 groups selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, -0 C₂-C₆ alkylene-OH, O C₂-C₆ alkylene- C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, C₁-C₆ alkylene-OH, C₁-C₆ alkylene- C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, halogen, carboxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl,NHCOR₂₄, NHCO₂R₂₄, NHCON(R₂₄)R₂₅, and NHSO₂R₂₅, wherein R₂₄ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl or aryl, R₂₅ is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group in R₂₄ and R₂₅ may be further substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, CO₂H, CO₂C₁-C₆ alkyl, cyano, hydroxy, succinimido, C₁-C₆ alkoxy,

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$$-s = C_{N} C - R_{s}$$

$$-Q - CO_{2}H$$

$$-Q - CO_{2}NH_{2}$$

$$-Q - CO_{2}NH_{2}$$

wherein R₅' is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl or aryl; R₁₆' is selected from

20 hydrogen or one or two groups selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen and C₁-C₆ alkoxy; Q is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -N(COR₁₀)-, -N(R₁₀)-, -S-, -SO₂-, -CO₂-, -CON(R₁₀), -SO₂(R₁₀)-, wherein R₁₀ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl or

25 C₁-C₁₀ alkyl; R₁₈ and R₁₉ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, unsubstituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ alkenyl, C₃-C₈ alkynyl and aryl or R₁₈ and R₁₉ may be

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combined with another element to which they are attached to form a radical Z having the formula

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wherein Q₂ is selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CO₂-, -N-(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(COC₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(SO₂C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(CO aryl)-, or-N(SO₂ aryl); R₂₀, R₂₁ and R₂₂ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl; R₂₃ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl.

55. The composition of claim 26 or 51 wherein the light absorbing portion of A comprises the residue of at least one light absorbing monomer selected from the group consisting of methine, arylidene, polmethine, azamethine, 3-aryl-2,5-dioxypyrroline, 3-aryl-5-dicyanomethylene-2-oxypyrroline and arylisoindoline and having respectively

20 the structures:

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wherein R_{11} is the residue of an electron rich aromatic compound selected from the group consisting of an aniline, 5 1-naphthylamine, 1,2-dihydroquinoline, 1,2,3,4tetrahydroquinoline, 1,3,3-trimethyl- 2-methyleneindole, 1,3-dihydro-2-methylene- 1,1,3-trimethyl-2H-benz[e]indole, imidazo [2,1-b] thiazole, benzomorpholine (3,4-dihydro-2H-1,4,benzoxazine), 2,3-dihydroindole, indole, 2-10 aminothiazole, julolidine (2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H, 5H-benz [ij] quinolizine, 1-oxajulolidine, 4H-pyrrolo [3,2,1-ij]quinoline, phenol, naphthol, thiophenol, pyrrole, pyrazole, furan, thiophene, carbazole, phenothiazine or phenoxazine compound; R12 is selected from the group 15 consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_8 alkenyl, $C_3 C_8$ -alkynyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, aryl, $\{CH_2CH_2O\}_{1-3}$ R_{13} and C_1 - C_4 alkylene- C3-C8 cycloalkylene, wherein the C1-C6 alkyl groups may be substituted by at least one group selected from the group consisting of carboxy, C1-C6 carbalkoxy, 20 C1-C6 alkanoyloxy, cyano, hydroxy, chlorine, fluorine, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl or aryl; R_{13} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkoxy or C_1-C_6 alkanoyloxy; wherein D is the residue of an active

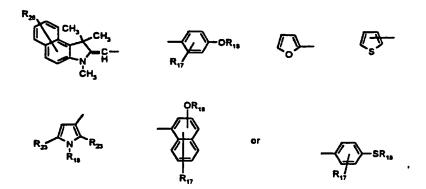
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methylene compound selected from the group consisting of malononitrile, α -cyanoacetic acid esters, malonic acid esters, α -cyanacetic acid amides, α - C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfonylacetonitriles, α -arylsulfonylacetonitriles, 5 α -C₁-C₆ alkanoylacetonitriles, α -aroylacetonitriles, α -heteroarylacetonitriles, bis(heteroaryl)methanes, 1,3indanediones, 2-furanones, benzo-2-furanones, naphtho-2furanones, 2-indolones, 3-cyano-1,6-dihydro-4-methyl-2,6dioxy (2H)-pyridines, benzo (b) thieno-3-ylidene propane 10 dinitrile-5,5-dioxides, 1,3-bis(dicyanomethylene) indanes, barbituric acid, 5-pyrazolones, dimedone, 3-oxo-2,3dihydro-1-benzothiophene-1,1-dioxides or aryl- $C(CH_3)C=C(CN)_2$, with the proviso that two acidic functional groups containing one acidic hydrogen each, or a 15 functional group containing two acidic hydrogens are present.

56. The composition of claim 55 wherein R_{11} is selected from the group consisting of the electron rich aromatic residues corresponding to the structures:

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wherein R_{26} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or a group selected from the group consisting of 5 C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, CO_2H , C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_1-C_6 alkoxy; wherein R_{17} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, and 1-2 groups selected from C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkylthio, -O C_2 - C_6 alkylene-OH, O C_2 - C_6 alkylene- C1-C6 alkanoyloxy, C1-C6 alkylene-OH, C1-C6 10 alkylene- C1-C6 alkanoyloxy, halogen, carboxy, C1-C6 alkoxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, $NHCOR_{24}$, $NHCO_2R_{24}$, NHCON(R_{24}) R_{25} , and NHSO₂ R_{25} , wherein R_{24} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl or aryl, R_{25} is selected from the group consisting of $C_1\text{--}C_{10}$ 15 alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl or aryl wherein each C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group in R_{24} and R_{25} may be further substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of C3-C8 cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, CO2H, CO2C1-C6 alkyl,

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$$-S - C = R_{5}$$

$$-Q - CO_{2}H$$

$$-Q - SO_{2}NH_{2}$$

$$R_{16}$$
or
$$-Q - R_{5}$$

wherein R₅' is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl or aryl; R₁₆' is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, one or two groups selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen and C₁-C₆ alkoxy; Q is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -N(COR₁₀)-, -N(R₁₀)-, -S-, -SO₂-, -CO₂-, CON(R₁₀), SO₂(R₁₀)-, wherein R₁₀ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl or C₁-C₁₀ alkyl; R₁₈ and R₁₉ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, unsubstituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ alkenyl, C₃-C₈ alkynyl and aryl or R₁₈ and R₁₉ may be combined with another element to which they are attached to form a radical Z having the formula

wherein Q_2 is selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, -O-, -S-, $-SO_2-$, -CO-, $-CO_2-$, -N-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)-, -N(CO C_1-C_6 alkyl)-, -N(SO₂ C_1-C_6 alkyl)-, -N(CO aryl)-, or-N(SO₂ aryl); R_{20} , R_{21} and R_{22} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or C_1-C_6 alkyl; R_{23} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl.

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57. The composition of claim 51 wherein the light absorbing portion of A_2 comprises a residue of at least one diacidic coumarin compounds selected from the group consisting of the structures

wherein Z3 is selected from the group consisting of cyano, 10 C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, aryl, heteroaryl, formyl, aroyl, C1-C6 alkanoyl or-CH=D, wherein R_{17} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-2 groups selected from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkylthio, -0 C_2 - C_6 alkylene-OH, 0 C_2 - C_6 alkylene- C_1 - C_6 alkanoyloxy, C_1 - C_6 alkylene-OH, C_1 - C_6 15 alkylene- C_1 - C_6 alkanoyloxy, halogen, carboxy, C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, $NHCO_2R_{24}$, $NHCO_2R_{24}$, NHCON(R_{24}) R_{25} , and NHSO₂ R_{25} , wherein R_{24} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl 20 or aryl, R_{25} is selected from the group consisting of $C_1 - C_{10}$ alkyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl or aryl wherein each C_1-C_{10} alkyl group in R_{24} and R_{25} may be further substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of $C_3\text{--}C_\theta$ cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, CO2H, CO2 C1-C6 alkyl, 25 cyano, hydroxy, succinimido, C1-C6 alkoxy,

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$$-s-c \xrightarrow{N-NH} -Q \xrightarrow{CO_2H} -Q \xrightarrow{R_{16}} SO_2NH_2$$
or
$$-Q \xrightarrow{R_{16}} SO_2NH_2$$

wherein R₅' is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl or aryl; R₁₆' is selected from

5 hydrogen or one or two groups selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, and C₁-C₆ alkoxy; Q is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -N(COR₁₀)-, -N(R₁₀)-, -S-, -SO₂-, -CO₂-, CON(R₁₀), SO₂(R₁₀)-, wherein R₁₀ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl or C₁-C₁₀

10 alkyl; R₁₈ and R₁₉ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, unsubstituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ alkenyl, C₃-C₈ alkynyl and aryl or R₁₈ and R₁₉ may be combined with another element to which they are attached to form a

15 radical Z having the formula

wherein Q₂ is selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CO₂-, -N-(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(CO C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(SO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(CO aryl)-, or-N(SO₂ aryl); R₂₀, R₂₁ and R₂₂ are independently selected from the group consisting of or C₁-C₆ alkyl; R₂₃ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl; wherein D is the residue of an active methylene compound selected from

the group consisting of malononitrile, α -cyanoacetic acid esters, malonic acid esters, α -cyanacetic acid amides, α - C_1-C_6 alkylsulfonylacetonitriles, α arylsulfonylacetonitriles, α - C_1 - C_6 alkanoylacetonitriles, 5 α -aroylacetonitriles, α -heteroarylacetonitriles, bis(heteroaryl)methanes, 1,3-indanediones, 2-furanones, benzo-2-furanones, naphtho-2-furanones, 2-indolones, 3cyano-1,6-dihydro-4-methyl-2,6-dioxy (2H)-pyridines, benzo (b) thieno-3-ylidene propane dinitrile-5,5-dioxides, 1,3bis(dicyanomethylene) indanes, barbituric acid, 5-IO pyrazolones, dimedone, 3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1-benzothiophene-1,1-dioxides or $aryl-C(CH_3)C=C(CN)_2$, with the proviso that two acidic functional groups containing one acidic hydrogen each, or a functional group containing two acidic 15 hydrogens are present.

58. The composition of claim 54 wherein the light absorbing portion of A₁ comprises the residue of at least one bis-azo light absorbing monomer wherein the bis coupling component Y₁ is represented by the structure Z₁-20 L₁-Z₂, wherein Z₁ and Z₂ are independently selected from the group consisting of

wherein, L_1 is bonded to the nitrogen atom of Z_1 and Z_2 ; wherein L_1 is selected from the group consisting of C_2 - C_{12} alkylene, C_3-C_6 cycloalkylene, arylene, C_1-C_4 alkylene-5 C_3-C_6 cycloalkylene- C_1-C_4 alkylene, C_1-C_4 alkylene-arylene- C_1-C_4 alkylene, C_2-C_4 alkylene-O-arylene-O- C_2-C_4 alkylene, $+C_2-C_4$ alkylene O_{1-3} C_2-C_4 alkylene, C_2-C_4 alkylene- $S-C_2-C_4$ alkylene, C_2 - C_4 alkylene- SO_2 - C_2 - C_4 alkylene, C_2 - C_4 alkylene-N(SO₂ C_1 - C_6 alkyl)- C_2 - C_4 alkylene, C_2 - C_4 alkylene-10 $N(SO_2 \text{ aryl}) - C_2 - C_4 - \text{ alkylene, } C_2 - C_4 \text{ alkylene- } OCO_2 - C_2 - C_4$ alkylene, C2-C4 alkylene- O2C-arylene-CO2- C2-C4 alkylene, C_2-C_4 alkylene- $O_2C-C_1-C_{12}$ alkylene- $CO_2-C_2-C_4$ alkylene, C_2-C_4 alkylene-O₂C- C₃-C₈ cycloalkylene-CO₂- C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene-NHCO- C_2 - C_4 alkylene and C_2 - C_4 alkylene-NHSO₂-15 C_2 - C_4 alkylene; wherein R_{17} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-2 groups selected from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, -O C₂-C₆ alkylene-OH, O C_2 - C_6 alkylene- C_1 - C_6 alkanoyloxy, C_1 - C_6 alkylene-OH, C_1 - C_6 alkylene- C1-C6 alkanoyloxy, halogen, carboxy, C1-C6 20 alkoxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, $NHCO_2R_{24}$, $NHCO_2R_{24}$, $NHCON(R_{24})R_{25}$, and $NHSO_2R_{25}$, wherein R_{24} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl or aryl, R_{25} is selected from the group consisting of $C_1 - C_{10}$ alkyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl or aryl wherein each C_1-C_{10} alkyl group in R_{24} and R_{25} may be further substituted with one or 25 more groups selected from the group consisting of $C_3\text{--}C_8$ cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, CO2H, CO2 C1-C6 alkyl,

cyano, hydroxy, succinimido, C1-C6 alkoxy,

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$$-s - c - R_s - Q - c - R_s - Q - c - CO_2H$$

$$-c - Q - c - R_s - CO_2H - CO_2$$

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wherein R₅' is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl or aryl; R₁₆' is selected from 5 hydrogen or one or two groups selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen and C₁-C₆ alkoxy; Q is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -N(COR₁₀)-, -N(R₁₀)-, -S-, -SO₂-, -CO₂-, CON(R₁₀), SO₂(R₁₀)-, wherein R₁₀ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl or C₁-C₁₀ alkyl; R₁₈ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, unsubstituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ alkenyl, C₃-C₈ alkynyl and aryl; R₂₀, R₂₁ R₂₂ are independently selected from the group consisting of or C₁-C₆ alkyl; R₂₃ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl.

59. The diacidic anthraquinone compounds having Formulae

$$R_{14} \longrightarrow CO_{2}H$$

$$XIV$$

$$R_{14} \longrightarrow CO_{2}H$$

$$XIXe$$

$$R_{14} \longrightarrow CO_{2}H$$

$$XIXd$$

$$R_{15} \longrightarrow CO_{2}H$$

$$XIXD$$

wherein R₁₄ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-4 groups selected from amino, C₁-C₁₀ alkylamino, C₃-C₆ alkenylamino, C₃-C₆ alkynylamino, C₃-C₆

5 cycloalkylamino, arylamino, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, aryl, aroyl, C₁-C₆ alkanoyl, C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, NHCO C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHCOaryl, NHCO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHSO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHSO₂ aryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy, arylthio, heteroarylthio, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, thiocyano, SO₂C₁-C₆ alkyl, SO₂ aryl, -SO₂NH C₁-C₆ alkyl, -SO₂N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, -SO₂N(C₁-C₆ alkyl) aryl, CONH C₁-C₆ alkyl, furfurylamino,

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tetrahydrofurfurylamino, 4-(hydroxymethyl) cyclohexanemethylamino,

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or hydroxy; Q and Q' are independently selected from the group consisting of-O-, $-N(COR_{10})$ -, $-N(SO_2R_{10})$ -, $-N(R_{10})$ -, -S-, -SO₂-, -CO₂-, -CON(R_{10})-, SO₂N (R_{10})-, wherein R_{10} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, or $C_1\text{--}C_{10}$ alkyl; R_{16} ' is selected from hydrogen 10 or one or two groups selected from $C_1\text{--}C_6$ alkyl, halogen and C_1 - C_6 alkoxy; wherein each C_1 - C_6 alkyl group and C_1 - C_6 alkyl group which is a portion of another group may contain at least one substituent selected from the group consisting 15 of hydroxy, cyano, chlorine, fluorine, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkoxy, C1-C6 alkylcyclohexyl, hydroxmethyl cyclohexyl, aryl and heteroaryl; with the provision that two acidic groups containing one acidic proton each or one acidic group containing two acidic hydrogens be present in 20 the compounds of Formula XIV, XIXc, XIXd, XIXe XIXf.

60. The diacidic anthraquinone compounds of claim 57 having the following structures:

wherein Sub is a substituent selected from the group consisting of halogen, trifluoromethyl, aroyl, C₁-C₆ alkanoyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, aryloxy, arylthio, heteroarylthio, cyano, 5 nitro, SO₂NHC₁-C₆ alkyl, SO₂N (C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, SO₂N (C₁-C₆ alkyl) aryl, CONH C₁-C₆ alkyl, CON (C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, CON (C₁-C₆ alkyl) aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, SO₂ C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl and SO₂ aryl; Sub₁ is a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino, C₁-C₁₂ alkylamino, arylamino and C₃-C₈ cycloalkylamino.

61. The diacidic anthrapyridone compounds having Formulae

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wherein R_{14} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-4 groups selected from amino, C_1 - C_{10} alkylamino, C_3 - C_6 alkenylamino, C_3 - C_6 alkynylamino, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkylamino, arylamino, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkylthio, aryl, aroyl, C_1 - C_6 alkanoyl, C_1 - C_6 alkanoyloxy, NHCO C_1 - C_6 alkyl, NHCOaryl, NHCO $_2$ C_1 - C_6 alkyl, NHSO $_2$ aryl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxy, arylthio, heteroarylthio, cyano, nitro, trifluoromethyl, thiocyano, SO_2C_1 - C_6 alkyl, SO_2 aryl, $-SO_2NH$ C_1 - C_6 alkyl, $-SO_2N$ $(C_1$ - C_6

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alkyl)₂, $-SO_2N(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$ aryl, CONH $C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl}$, CON($C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl}$)₂, CON($C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl}$) aryl, $C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl}$ or hydroxy; Q and Q' are independently selected from the group consisting of-O-, $-N(COR_{10})$ -, $-N(SO_2R_{10})$ -, $-N(R_{10})$ -, -S-,

- 5 -SO₂-, -CO₂-, -CON(R₁₀)-, SO₂N (R₁₀)-, wherein R₁₀ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, or C₁-C₁₀ alkyl; R₁₅ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, cyano, C₁-C₆ alkylamino, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halogen, arylthio, aryl, heteroaryl,
- heteroarylthio, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, aroyl or arylsulfonyl; R₁₆ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl and aryl; R₁₆' is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or one or two groups selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen and C₁-C₆
- alkoxy; wherein each C_1 - C_6 alkyl group and C_1 - C_6 alkyl group which is a portion of another group may contain at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, cyano, chlorine, fluorine, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkylcyclohexyl, hydroxmethyl
- cyclohexyl, aryl and heteroaryl; with the provision that two acidic groups containing one acidic proton each or one acidic group containing two acidic hydrogens be present in the compounds of Formula XVIII, XVIIIa, XVIIIb, and XIXa.
- 62. The diacidic anthrapyridone compound of claim 25 61 having the structure:

63. The diacidic anthraquinone compounds having the 30 formulae

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or

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where R₁₆ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or one or two groups selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen and C₁-C₆ alkoxy; and Sub₃ is a substituent

10 selected from C₁-C₆ alkylthio, arylthio and heteroarylthio and Sub₂ is a substituent selected from the group consisting of amino, C₁-C₁₀ alkylamino, C₃-C₆ alkenylamino, C₃-C₆ alkynylamino, C₃-C₆ cycloalkylamino, arylamino, furfurylamino, tetrahydrofurfurylamino, 4-(hydroxymethyl)

15 cyclohexanemethylamino, NHCO C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHCO aryl, NHCO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHSO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHSO₂ aryl and

20 64. The diacidic anthraquinone compounds of claim 59 having the formulae:

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wherein Sub_2 is as defined in claim 63; Sub_4 is selected from the group consisting of Sub_2 , NHCO C_1 - C_6 alkyl, NHCO₂ 5 C_1-C_6 alkyl, NHCO aryl, NHSO₂ C_1-C_6 alkyl, NHSO₂ aryl, C_1-C_6 alkylthio, arylthio, heteroarylthio and hydroxy; Q is selected from the group consisting of -O-, S-, -SO₂-; Q'selected from the group consisting of -O-, $-N(COR_{10})$ -, $-N(SO_2R_{10})-$, $-N(R_{10})-$, -S-, $-SO_2-$, $-CO_2-$, $-CON(R_{10})-$, SO_2N (R_{10}) -, wherein R_{10} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl.

The diacidic anthraquinone compounds having the formula

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wherein Sub, Sub₁ and R_{16} are as defined in claim 60. The diacidic anthraquinone compounds having the 66. structures

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wherein Q is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S- and -SO₂-; Q' is selected from the group consisting of-O-, -N(COR₁₀)-, -N(SO₂R₁₀)-, -N(R₁₀)-, -S-, -SO₂-, -CO₂-, -CON(R₁₀)-, SO₂N (R₁₀)-, wherein R₁₀ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl, or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl; and R₁₆' is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or one or two groups selected from C_1 - C_6 alkyl, halogen and C_1 - C_6 alkoxy.

67. The diacidic anthraquinone compounds having the structures:

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wherein Sub_1 defined as in claim 60, Sub_4 is defined as in claim 64, Q is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S- and $-SO_2-$; Q' is selected from the group consisting of -O-, $-N(COR_{10})-$, $-N(SO_2R_{10})-$, $-N(R_{10})-$, -S-, $-SO_2-$, $-CO_2-$, $-CON(R_{10})-$, SO_2N $(R_{10})-$, wherein R_{10} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, or C_1-C_{10} alkyl; and R_{16} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or one or two groups selected from C_1-C_6 alkyl, halogen and C_1-C_6 alkoxy.

68. The diacidic anthraquinone compounds having the structures:

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wherein Q is selected from the group consisting of -O, -S- and $-SO_2$ -; Sub_1 is a substitutent selected from the group consisting of amino, C_1 - C_{12} alkylamino, arylamino and C_3 - C_6 cycloalkylamino; Q' is selected from the group consisting of -O-, $-N(COR_{10})$ -, $-N(SO_2R_{10})$ -, $-N(R_{10})$ -, -S-, $-SO_2$ -, $-CO_2$ -, $-CON(R_{10})$ -, $SO_2N(R_{10})$ -, wherein R_{10} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl, or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl; and R_{16} ' is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or one or two groups selected from C_1 - C_6 alkyl, halogen and C_1 - C_6 alkoxy.

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69. The diacidic azo and disazo compounds of the formulae $R_6-N=N-Z$ (VI) and $R_6-N=N-R_7-N=N-Z$ (VII), respectively wherein R_6 is the residue of a diazotized 15 aromatic or heteroaromatic amine and Z is the residue of an electron rich coupling component selected from the group consisting of the classes of anilines, 1aminonaphthalenes, 1,2-dihydroquinolines,1,2,3,4teterahydroquinolines, benzomorpholines (3,4-dihydro-2H-20 1,4-benzoxazine), pyrazolones, pyrazoles, 3-cyano-6hydroxy-2-pyridones, 2,3-dihydroindoles, indoles, 4hydroxycoumarins, 4-hydroxy-2-quinolones, imidazo[2,1b]thiazoles, julolidines (2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5Hbenzo[ij]quinolizines), 1-oxajulolidines, 1,2,5,6-25 tetrahydro-4H-pyrrolo[3,2,1-ij]quinolines, 2,6-diamino-3 cyanopyridines, 2-aminothiazoles, 2-aminothiophenes, 5,5dimethyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione (dimedone), phenols, naphthols, 2,4-pentanediones or acetoacetarylides; R_7 is a divalent aromatic or heteroaromatic radical selected from 30 the group consisting of the classes of 1,4-phenylene, naphthalene -1, 4-diyl, thiazol-2,5-diyl and thiophene -

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2,5-diyl; with the provision that R_6 or Z contains a carboxy (-CO₂H) acidic group and that another acidic group selected from the group consisting of (-CO₂H), -SH, -OH attached to aromatic ring, -CONHCO-, -SO₂NH-CO-, -SO₂NH-SO₂-, and 1(H) 1, 2, 4-triazol-3-yl, be present on or as part of R_6 or Z so that each R_6 and Z moiety contains one acidic group.

70. The diacidic azo and disazo compounds of claim 69 wherein R_6 and Z each contain a carboxy (-CO₂H) acidic group.

71. The diacidic azo and bisazo compounds of claim 69 wherein R_6 is the residue of substituted diazotized aromatic or heteroaromatic amine compounds derived from the classes of aniline, 1-aminonaphthalene,

15 1-aminoanthraquinone, 4-aminoazobenzene, 2-aminothiazole, 2-aminobenzothiazole, 3-amino- 2,1-benzisothiazole, 2-aminothieno[2,3-d]thiazole, 5-aminoisothiazole, 5-aminopyrazole, 4-aminopyrazoloisothiazole, 2-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazole, 5-amino-1,2,3-

20 triazole, 2-amino-1,3,4-triazole, 2(5) aminoimidazole,
3-aminopyridine, 2(3) aminothiophene, 2(3)
aminobenzo[b]thiophene, 2-aminothieno[3,2-b]thiophene, 3aminothieno[2,3-c]isothiazole, 3-amino-7-benz2,1-isothiazole, 3-aminobenzothienoisothiazole,

3-aminoisothiazole[3,4-d]pyrimidine, 5-amino-1,2,3-triazole, 3(4) aminophthalimide and 5(6) amino-1,2benzisothiazolon-1,1-dioxide and Z is the residue of an electron rich coupling coupler residue selected from the group consisting of the following:

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wherein R_{17} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-2 groups selected from $C_1\!-\!C_6$ alkyl, $C_1\!-\!C_6$

alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, -O C₂-C₆ alkylene-OH, O C₂-C₆ alkylene- C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, C₁-C₆ alkylene-OH, C₁-C₆ alkylene- C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, halogen, carboxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl,NHCOR₂₄, NHCO₂R₂₄,

5 NHCON(R₂₄)R₂₅, and NHSO₂R₂₅, wherein R₂₄ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl or aryl, R₂₅ is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl or aryl wherein each C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group in R₂₄ and R₂₅ may be further substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, CO₂H, CO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, cyano, hydroxy, succinimido, C₁-C₆ alkoxy,

$$-s - c \Big|_{N} c - R_{s} - Q - \Big|_{CO_{2}H} - Q - \Big|_{R_{16}} cO_{2}NH_{2}$$

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wherein R_5 ', R_{16} ' and Q are as defined in claim 63; R_{18} and R_{19} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, unsubstituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 alkenyl, C_3 - C_8 alkynyl and aryl or R_{18} and R_{19} may be combined with another element to which they are attached to form a radical Z having the formula

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wherein Q_2 is selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CO₂-, -N-(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(CO C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(SO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(CO aryl)-, or-N(SO₂ aryl); R₂₀, R₂₁ and R₂₂ are independently selected from the group consisting of or C₁-C₆ alkyl; R₂₃ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl.

- 72. The diacidic azo and disazo compounds of claim 69 of the formulae $R_6-N=N-Z$ (VI) and $R_6-N=N-R_7-N=N-Z$ (VII), respectively, wherein one of R_6 and Z contains two carboxy (-CO₂H) acidic groups.
- 73. The diacidic azo and disazo compounds of claim 69 or 72 wherein R₆ is the residue of a diazotized substituted or unsubstituted diazotized aromatic or heteromatic amine compound derived from an amine selected from aniline, 1-aminonaphthalene, 1-aminoanthraquinone, 4-aminoazobenzene, 2-aminothiazole, 2-aminobenzothiazole, 3-amino-2,1-benzisothiazole, 2-aminothieno[2,3-d]thiazole, 5-aminoisothiazole, 5-aminopyrazole,

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- 4-aminopyrazoloisothiazole, 2-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazole, 5-amino-1,2,4-thiadiazole, 5-amino-1,2,3-triazole, 2-amino-1,3,4-triazole, 2(5) aminoimidazole, 3-aminopyridine, 2(3) aminothiophene, 2(3) aminobenzo[b]thiophene, 2-aminothieno[3,2-b]thiophene, 3-aminothieno[2,3-
- c)isothiazole, 3-amino-7-benz- 2,1-isothiazole, 3aminobenzothienoisothiazole, 3-aminoisothiazole[3,4d]pyrimidine, 5-amino- 1,2,3-triazole, 3(4)
 aminophthalimide and 5(6) amino-1,2-benzisothiazolon-1,1dioxide and Z is the residue of an electron rich coupling
 component selected from the group consisting of the
 following:

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wherein R_{17} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-2 groups selected from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6

alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, -O C₂-C₆ alkylene-OH, O C₂-C₆ alkylene- C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, C₁-C₆ alkylene-OH, C₁-C₆ alkylene- C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, halogen, carboxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl,NHCOR₂₄, NHCO₂R₂₄, NHCON(R₂₄)R₂₅, and NHSO₂R₂₅, wherein R₂₄ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl or aryl, R₂₅ is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl or aryl wherein each C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group in R₂₄ and R₂₅ may be further substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, CO₂H, CO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, cyano, hydroxy, succinimido, C₁-C₆ alkoxy,

$$-s-c \bigvee_{N=C-R_5}^{N-H} C-R_5$$

$$-Q - \bigvee_{CO_2H}^{CO_2H} SO_2NH_2$$

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wherein R_5 , R_{16} and Q are as defined in claim 63; R_{18} and R_{19} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, unsubstituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 alkenyl, C_3 - C_8 alkynyl and aryl or R_{18} and R_{19} may be combined with another element to which they are attached to form a radical Z having the formula

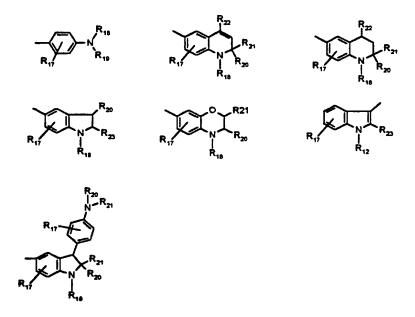
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wherein Q₂ is selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CO₂-, -N-(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(CO C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(SO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(CO aryl)-, or-N(SO₂ aryl); R₂₀, R₂₁ and R₂₂ are independently selected from the group consisting of or C₁-C₆ alkyl; R₂₃ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl.

74. The diacidic azo and bisazo compounds of claim72 wherein Z is an electron rich coupler selected from the10 group consisting of the following:



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wherein R_{17} is selected from the group consisting of 5 hydrogen, 1-2 groups selected from C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkylthio, -O C_2 - C_6 alkylene-OH, O C_2 - C_6 alkylene- C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, C₁-C₆ alkylene-OH, C₁-C₆ alkylene- C1-C6 alkanoyloxy, halogen, carboxy, C1-C6 alkoxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, NHCOR24, NHCO2R24, 10 $NHCON\left(R_{24}\right)R_{25}$, and $NHSO_{2}R_{25}$, wherein R_{24} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C1-C10 alkyl, C3-C8 cycloalkyl or aryl, R_{25} is selected from the group consisting of $C_1 - C_{10}$ alkyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl or aryl wherein each C_1-C_{10} alkyl group in R_{24} and R_{25} may be further substituted with one or 15 more groups selected from the group consisting of $C_3 - C_\theta$ cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, CO2H, CO2 C1-C6 alkyl, cyano, hydroxy, succinimido, C1-C6 alkoxy,

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$$-s-c = -R_{s} - Q - CO_{2}H - Q - CO_{2}NH_{2}$$

wherein R_5 ', R_{16} ' and Q are as defined in claim 63; R_{18} and R_{19} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, unsubstituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_6 alkenyl, C_3 - C_6 alkynyl and aryl or R_{18} and R_{19} may be combined with another element to which they are attached to form a radical Z having the formula

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$$- \bigvee_{\mathbf{R}_{1,7}} - \mathbf{N} \bigcirc \mathbf{0}_2$$

wherein Q_2 is selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, $-O_-$, $-S_-$, $-SO_2_-$, $-CO_-$, $-CO_2_-$, $-N_-(C_1-C_6$ alkyl)-, $-N(CO C_1-C_6$ alkyl)-, $-N(SO_2 C_1-C_6$ alkyl)-, -N(CO aryl)-, or- $N(SO_2$ aryl); R_{20} , R_{21} and R_{22} are independently selected from the group consisting of or C_1-C_6 alkyl; R_{23} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl.

75. The diacidic bisazo compounds having the formula R₆-N=N-Y₁-N=N-R₆ (VIIa) wherein R₆ is the residue of a substituted diazotized aromatic or heteroaromatic amine compound derived from the classes of aniline, 1-aminonaphthalene, 1-aminoanthraquinone, 4-aminoazobenzene, 2-aminothiazole, 2-aminobenzothiazole, 3-amino-2,1-benzisothiazole, 2-zminothieno[2,3-d]thiazole,

5-aminoisothiazole, 5-aminopyrazole, 4-aminopyrazoloisothiazole, 2-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazole, 5amino-1,2,4-thiadiazole, 5-amino-1,2,3-triazole, 2-amino-1,3,4-triazole, 2(5) aminoimidazole, 3-aminopyridine, 2(3) aminothiophene, 2(3) aminobenzo[b]thiophene, 2aminothieno[3,2-b]thiophene, 3-aminothieno[2,3c]isothiazole, 3-amino-7-benz- 2,1-isothiazole, 3aminobenzothienoisothiazole, 3-aminoisothiazole[3,4d]pyrimidine, 5-amino- 1,2,3-triazole, 3(4) - 10 aminophthalimide and 5(6) amino-1,2-benzisothiazolon-1,1dioxide and Y1 is the residue of a bis coupling component selected from the group consisting of the classes of anilines, 1,2-dihydroquinolines, 1,2,3,4tetrahydroquinolines, benzomorpholines (3,4-dihydro-15 2H-1,4-benzoxazines), 3-cyano-6-hydroxy-2-pyridones, 2,6diaminopyridines, 2,3-dihydroindoles, naphthylamines, 2aminothiazoles, or a combination of these, with the provision that each R6 group contain one acidic group selected from the group consisting of -CO2H, -SH, -OH 20 attached to an aromatic ring, -NHCONH-, -SO2NHCO-, - SO_2NHSO_2- , 1 (H)-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl-, imidazolyl, benzimidazoyl, pyrazolyl and -SO₂H attached to aromatic ring.

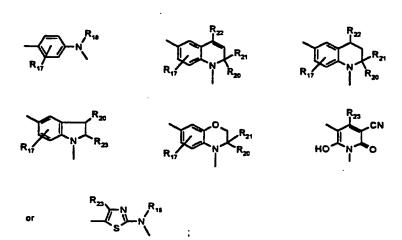
76. The bis-azo compounds of claim 75 wherein each R_6 group contains one carboxy (-CO₂H) group.

77. The bis-azo compounds of claim 75 wherein Y_1 has the formula $Z_1-L_1-Z_2$ wherein Z_1 and Z_2 are independently selected from the group consisting of:

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wherein L_1 is bonded to the nitrogen atom of Z_1 and Z_2 ; wherein L_1 is selected from the group consisting of C_2-C_{12} alkylene, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkylene, arylene, C_1 - C_4 alkylene- C_3-C_8 cycloalkylene- C_1-C_4 alkylene, C_1-C_4 alkylene-arylene- C_1-C_4 alkylene, C_2-C_4 alkylene-O-arylene-O- C_2-C_4 alkylene, $(C_2-C_4$ alkylene O_{2-3} C_2-C_4 alkylene, C_2-C_4 alkylene- S_2-C_4 alkylene, C2-C4 alkylene-SO2- C2-C4 alkylene, C2-C4 10 alkylene-N(SO₂ C_1 - C_6 alkyl)- C_2 - C_4 alkylene, C_2 - C_4 alkylene- $N(SO_2 \text{ aryl}) - C_2-C_4-$ alkylene, C_2-C_4 alkylene- $OCO_2 C_2-C_4$ alkylene, C2-C4 alkylene- O2C-arylene-CO2- C2-C4 alkylene, C_2-C_4 alkylene- $O_2C C_1-C_{12}$ alkylene- $CO_2 C_2-C_4$ alkylene, C_2-C_4 alkylene-O₂C- C₃-C₈ cycloalkylene-CO₂- C₂-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkylene-NHCO- C_2 - C_4 alkylene and C_2 - C_4 alkylene-NHSO₂-15 C_2 - C_4 alkylene; R_{17} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-2 groups selected from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkylthio, -0 C_2 - C_6 alkylene-OH, O C_2 - C_6 alkylene- C_1 - C_6 alkanoyloxy, C_1 - C_6 alkylene-OH, C_1 - C_6 20 alkylene- C1-C6 alkanoyloxy, halogen, carboxy, C1-C6 alkoxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, $NHCOR_{24}$, $NHCO_2R_{24}$, NHCON(R_{24}) R_{25} , and NHSO₂ R_{25} , wherein R_{24} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C1-C10 alkyl, C3-C8 cycloalkyl or aryl, R_{25} is selected from the group consisting of $C_1 - C_{10}$

alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl or aryl wherein each C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group in R₂₄ and R₂₅ may be further substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, CO₂H, CO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, 5 cyano, hydroxy, succinimido, C₁-C₆ alkoxy,

$$-s-c = R_{s}$$

$$-c = R_{s}$$

wherein R₅', R₁₆' and Q are as defined in clain 63; R₁₈ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a group selected from the group consisting of unsubstituted C₁-C₁₆ alkyl, substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ alkenyl, C₃-C₈ alkynyl and aryl; R₂₀, R₂₁ and R₂₂ are independently selected from the group consisting of or C₁-C₆ alkyl; R₂₃ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl.

78. The diacidic methine, arylidene, polymethine, azamethine, 3-aryl-2,5-dioxypyrroline, 3-aryl-5-dicyanomethylene -2-oxypyrroline and aryl isoindoline corresponding to formulae VIII, VIIIa, VIIIb, IX, X, XI and XII, respectively:

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wherein R11 is the residue of an aniline, 1-naphthylamine, 1,2-dihydroquinoline, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, 1,3,3trimethyl- 2-methyleneindole, 1,3-dihydro-2-methylene-1,1,3-trimethyl-2H-benz[e]indole, imidazo [2,1-b] thiazole, benzomorpholine (3,4-dihydro-2H-1,4,benzoxazine), indole, 2,3-dihydroindole, 2aminothiazole, julolidine (2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H, 5H- benz 10 [ij] quinolizine, 1-oxajulolidine, 4H-pyrrolo [3,2,1-ij]quinoline, phenol, naphthol, thiophenol, pyrrole, pyrazole, furan, thiophene, carbazole, phenothiazine or phenoxazine compound; R12 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_8 alkenyl, $C_3 C_{\theta}$ -alkynyl, C_{3} - C_{θ} cycloalkyl, aryl, $\{CH_{2}CH_{2}O\}_{1-3}$ R_{13} and C_{1} - C_{4} 15 alkylene- C_3 - C_8 cycloalkylene, wherein the C_1 - C_6 alkyl groups may be substituted by at least one group selected from the group consisting of carboxy, C1-C6 carbalkoxy, C1-C6 alkanoyloxy, cyano, hydroxy, chlorine, fluorine, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl or aryl; R_{13} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkoxy or C_1-C_6

20 alkanoyloxy; wherein D is the residue of an active

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methylene compound selected from the group consisting of malononitrile, α -cyanoacetic acid esters, malonic acid esters, α -cyanacetic acid amides, α -C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonylacetonitriles, α -arylsulfonylacetonitriles, α -C₁-C₆ alkanoylacetonitriles, α -aroylacetonitriles, α -heteroarylacetonitriles, bis(heteroaryl)methanes, 1,3indanediones, 2-furanones, benzo-2-furanones, naphtho-2furanones, 2-indolones, 3-cyano-1,6-dihydro-4-methyl-2,6dioxy (2H)-pyridines, benzo (b) thieno-3-ylidene propane 10 dinitrile-5,5-dioxides, 1,3-bis (dicyanomethylene) indanes, barbituric acid, 5-pyrazolones, dimedone, 3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1-benzothiophene-1,1-dioxides or aryl-C(CH₃)C=C(CN)₂, with the proviso that two acidic functional groups selected from the group consisting of $-CO_2H$, -SH, -15 OH attached to aromatic ring, -CONHCO-, -SO2NHCO-, - SO_2NHSO_2- , 1(H) -1,2,4,-triazol-3-yl, imidazolyl, benzimidazolyl, pyrazolyl and SO_2H attached to aromatic ring be present or one diacidic sulfamoyl (-SO2NH2) be present.

79. The diacidic anthrapyridine compounds having the structures:

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wherein Sub_5 in a substituent selected from the group consisting of -N $(C_1-C_{10}$ alkyl)₂, -N $(C_1-C_{10}$ alkyl) aryl, -N $(C_1-C_{10}$ alkyl) C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, morpholino and piperidino; Q and Q are selected from the group consisting of -NH-, -O-, -S- and $-SO_2-$, R_{16} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, halogen and C_1-C_6 alkoxy.

80. The nitroarylamine compounds having the structure: .

wherein ring A may be substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of halogen, -SO₂N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, -CON (C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, SO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, SO₂ aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, carboxy, and nitro; Ar is phthalimid-3 (or 4)-yl, phenyl, or 2-thienyl, or these substituted with one or more groups selected from the

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group consisting of halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, 1(H)-1,2,4,-triazolyl-3-ylthio, carboxy, or hydroxy, with the provision that two acidic groups be present.

81. The nitroarylamine compounds of claim 80
5 wherein two carboxy groups are present on Ar or ring A or one carboxy is present on each of Ar and ring A.

82. The diacidic compounds of claim 72, having the formula $R_6-N=N-Z$, wherein R_6 is selected from the group consisting of

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wherein Sub₆ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, one to four groups selected from C1-C10 alkyl, 15 C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, halogen, , C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, formyl, C1-C6 alkanoyl, C1-C6 alkanoyloxy, dicyanovinyl, C3- C8-cycloalkanoyl, thiocyano, trifluroacetyl, cyano, carbamoyl, -CONH C1-C6 alkyl, CONHaryl, CON(C_1-C_6 alkyl)₂, SO₂N(C_1-C_6 alkyl)₂, CONH C_3-C_8 20 cycloalkyl, aryl, aroyl, -N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)SO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, NHCO C1-C6 alkyl, NHCO C3-C8 cycloalkyl, NHCOaryl, NHCO2 C1-C6 alkyl, NHCONH C1-C6 alkyl, NHCONHaryl, N(C1-C6 alkyl)aryl, arylazo, heteroaryl, aryloxy, arylthio, C₃-C₀ cycloalkoxy, heteroarylazo, heteroarylthio, arylsulfonyl, tricyanovinyl, aryloxysulfonyl, C1-C6 alkylsulfonyl, 25 trifluoromethyl, fluorosulfonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, thiocyano, nitro and CH=D, wherein D is the residue of an active methylene compound selected from the group consisting of malononitrile, \alpha-cyanoacetic acid esters, malonic acid esters, α -cyanacetic acid amides, α -C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonylacetonitriles, α -arylsulfonylacetonitriles, α -C₁-C₆ alkanoylacetonitriles, α -aroylacetonitriles, α -heteroarylacetonitriles, bis(heteroaryl)methanes, 1,3-

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indanediones, 2-furanones, benzo-2-furanones, naphtho-2-furanones, 2-indolones, 3-cyano-1,6-dihydro-4-methyl-2,6-dioxy (2H)-pyridines, benzo (b) thieno-3-ylidene propane dinitrile-5,5-dioxides, 1,3-bis (dicyanomethylene) indanes, barbituric acid, 5-pyrazolones, dimedone, 3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1-benzothiophene-1,1-dioxides and aryl-C(CH₃)C=C(CN)₂; with the provision that one acidic group selected from the group consisting of carboxy,

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be present on either R_{17} , $R_{18},\ R_{19}$ or $R_{24};\ Q$ is selected from the group consisting of -O- , -S, and -SO_2-.

83. The compounds of claim 82 wherein R_{10} is selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_{10} alkylene- CO_2H ,

84. The diacidic compounds of claim 82 wherein R_6 is selected from the group consisting of

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and Z is selected from

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wherein R_{17} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-2 groups selected from C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, halogen, NHCOR₂₄, NHCO₂R₂₄ and NHCONHR₂₄, wherein R_{24} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl and aryl; wherein each C_1 - C_{10} alkyl group in R_{24} may be further substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, carboxy, aryl, aryloxy, arythio, C_0 C_1 - C_6 succinimido, C_1 - C_6 alkyoxy and alkyl, cyano, hydroxy,

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$$CO_2H$$
; R_{16} and R_{19} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, unsubstituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_3 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 alkenyl

and aryl or R_{18} and R_{19} may be combined with another element to which they are attached to from a radical

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wherein Q_2 is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S-, -SO₂, -CO-, -CO₂, -N (COC₁ -C₆ alkyl)-, -N (SO₂ C₁ -C₆ alkyl)-, -N (COaryl)-, and -N (SO₂ aryl)-; R₂₀, R₂₁, and R₂₂ are independently selected from the group consisting of or C₁-C₆ alkyl; with the provision that either R₁₇ contain one acidic group selected from the group consisting of carboxy and

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with the groups R_{18} and R_{19} being void of acidic groups or R_{17} may be void of acidic groups and R_{18} be selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_{10} alkylene $-CO_2H$,

wherein Q is selected from the group consisting of - O -, 20 - S -, and - SO₂ -; with the final provision that only two carboxy groups be present.

85 The diacidic compounds of claim 61 having the formula $R_6-N=N-Z$, wherein R_6 is the residue of a

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substituted heterocyclic diazotized amine and selected from the group consisting of

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wherein Sub_7 is one or more substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, C_1 - C_6 alkanoyl, CONH C_1 - C_6 alkyl, SO_2 C_1 - C_6 alkyl, SO_2 aryl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, aroyl, cyano, formyl and nitro; Sub_6 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl; Sub_9 is selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_6 alkyl C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 alkenyl, and aryl; Sub_{10} is selected from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfonyl, arythio, arylsulfonyl and C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl; Sub_{11} is hydrogen one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_6 alkyl, cyano, nitro, halogen, arylthio,

heteroarylthio, arylsulfonyl, aryloxy and C_1-C_6 alkylsulfonyl; Q is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S- and $-SO_2-$; wherein Z is a coupling component selected from the group consisting of

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wherein R₁₇ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-2 groups selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, -0 C₂-C₆ alkylene-OH, O C₂-C₆ alkylene- C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, C₁-C₆ alkylene-OH, C₁-C₆ alkylene- C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, halogen, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, NHCOR₂₄, NHCO₂R₂₄, and NHCONHR₂₄, wherein R₂₄ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl and aryl; wherein each C₁-C₁₀ alkyl group in R₂₄ may be further substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, CO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl, cyano, hydroxy, succinimido, C₁-C₆ alkoxy,

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wherein R_5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl and aryl; R_{16} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, one or two groups selected from C_1 - C_6 alkyl, halogen and C_1 - C_6 alkoxy; R_{18} and R_{19} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, unsubstituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, substituted C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3 - C_8 alkenyl, C_3 - C_8 alkynyl and aryl or R_{18} and R_{19} may be combined with another element to which they are attached to form a radical Z having the formula

wherein Q₂ is selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -CO-, -CO₂-, -N-(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(CO C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(SO₂ C₁-C₆ alkyl)-, -N(CO aryl)-, or-N(SO₂ aryl); R₂₀, R₂₁ and R₂₂ are independently selected from the group consisting of or C₁-C₆ alkyl; R₂₃ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl; with the provision that one acidic group selected from the group consisting of carboxy,

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be present on either R_{17} , R_{18} , R_{19} or R_{24} ; Q is selected from the group consisting of -O- , -S, and -SO₂-; with the provision that R_6 and Z each contain one acidic group.

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86. The diacidic compounds of claim 85 having the formula $R_6-N=N-Z$, wherein R_6 is selected from the group consisting of

and Z is selected from the group consisting of

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wherein R_{17} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-2 groups selected from C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, halogen, NHCOR₂₄, NHCO₂R₂₄ and NHCONHR₂₄, wherein R_{24} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl and aryl; wherein each C_1 - C_{10} alkyl group in R_{24} may be further substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl, carboxy, aryl, aryloxy, arythio, C_0 C_1 - C_6 alkyoxy and alkyl, cyano, hydroxy,

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-Q CO_2H ; R_{18} and R_{19}

are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, unsubstituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, substituted C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, C₃-C₈ alkyl, C₃-C₈ alkenyl and aryl or R₁₈ and R₁₉ may be combined with another element to which they are attached to from a radical

wherein Q_2 is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -10 S-, -SO₂, -CO-, -CO₂, -N (COC₁ -C₆ alkyl)-, -N (SO₂ C₁ -C₆ alkyl)-, -N (COaryl)-, and -N (SO₂ aryl)-; R₂₀, R₂₁, and R₂₂ are independently selected from the group consisting of or C₁-C₆ alkyl; with the provision that either R₁₇ contain one acidic group selected from the group consisting of carboxy and

with the groups R_{18} and R_{19} being void of acidic groups or R_{17} may be void of acidic groups and R_{18} be selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_{10} alkylene $-CO_2H$,

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wherein Q is selected from the group consisting of - O -, - S -, and - SO₂ -; with the final provision that only two carboxy groups be present.

87. The diacidic compounds of claim 71 having the formula R_6 -N=N-Z, wherein R_6 is the residue of a diazotized aromatic amine and is selected from the group consisting of

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wherein Sub₁₂ is one or more groups selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, cyano, nitro, C₁-C₆

15 alkylthio, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylthio, arylsulfonyl, halogen, trifluoromethyl, alkanoyl, aroyl, formyl, NHCO aryl, NHCO C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy and - SO₂N (C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂; Q is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -CONH- and -SO₂N

20 (C₁-C₆ alkyl)-; Z is selected from the group consisting of

5 wherein R_{17} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-2 groups selected from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6

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alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkylthio, -O- C_2 - C_6 alkylene - OH, O- C_2 - C_6 alkylene- C1-C6 alkanoyloxy, C1-C6 alkylene-OH, C1-C6 alkylene - C1-C6 alkanoyloxy, halogen, C1-C6 alkoxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, $NHCOR_{24}$, $NHCO_2R_{24}$ and NHCON(R_{24}) R_{25} , wherein R_{24} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1} - C_{10} alkyl, C_{3} - C_{8} cycloalkyl and aryl; R_{25} is selected from the group consisting of C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl and aryl; wherein each C_1 - C_{10} alkyl group in R_{24} and R_{25} may be further substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of C_3-C_θ 10 cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, CO2 C1-C6 alkyl, cyano, hydroxy, succinimido and C1-C6 alkoxy; R18 and R19 are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen C1-C10 alkyl, substituted C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3-C_8 15 alkenyl, C_3 - C_8 alkynyl, and aryl; R_{18} and R_{19} in combination may be combined with another element to which they are attached to form a radical Z having the formula

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wherein Q_2 is selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, -0-, $-SO_2-$, -S-, -CO-, $-CO_2-$, $-N(COC_1-C_6$ alkyl)-, $-N(SO_2 C_1-C_6$ alkyl)-, -N(CO aryl)-, $-N(SO_2 aryl)-$; R_{20} , R_{21} and R_{22} are independently selected from the group consisting of or C_1-C_6 alkyl; R_{23} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl; with the provision that no acidic groups be present on Z.

88. The diacidic compounds of claim 87 wherein R_6 30 has the structure

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and Z is selected from

89. The diacidic compound of claim 72 wherein R_6 is residue of a diazotized heterocyclic amine and is selected from the group consisting of

wherein Sub₆ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, aryl and heteroaryl; Sub₉ is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₆ alkyl C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₃-C₈ alkenyl, and aryl; Q is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S- and -SO₂-; with the provision that no acidic groups be present on Z.

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The diacidic compounds of claim 72 wherein R_6 is selected from the group consisting of

$$Sub_{13}$$

$$Sub_{14}$$

$$Sub_{15}$$

$$Sub_{15}$$

$$Sub_{16}$$

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wherein Sub_{θ} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, heteroaryl and aryl; Sub, is selected from the group consisting of C1-C6 alkyl, C3-C8 cycloalkyl, C3-C8 alkenyl and aryl; Sub13 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, one or more groups selected from C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, halogen, , C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, formyl, C_1-C_6 alkanoyl, C_1-C_6 alkanoyloxy, dicyanovinyl, C_3-C_8 -cycloalkanoyl, thiocyano, trifluroacetyl, cyano, carbamoyl, -CONH C_1 - C_6 alkyl, CONHaryl, CON(C_1-C_6 alkyl)₂, SO₂N(C_1-C_6 alkyl)₂, CONH 15 C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, aryl, aroyl, $-N(C_1-C_6$ alkyl) SO_2 C_1-C_6 alkyl, NHCO C1-C6 alkyl, NHCO C3-C8 cycloalkyl, NHCOaryl, NHCO2 C1-C6 alkyl, NHCONH C1-C6 alkyl, NHCONHaryl, N(C1-C6

alkyl) aryl, arylazo, heteroaryl, aryloxy, arylthio, C_3-C_8 cycloalkoxy, heteroarylazo, heteroarylthio, arylsulfonyl, tricyanovinyl, aryloxysulfonyl, C1-C6 alkylsulfonyl, trifluoromethyl, fluorosulfonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, thiocyano, nitro and CH=D, wherein D is the residue of an active methylene compound selected from the group consisting of malononitrile, α -cyanoacetic acid esters, malonic acid esters, α -cyanacetic acid amides, α - C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfonylacetonitriles, α -arylsulfonylacetonitriles, 10 α -C₁-C₆ alkanoylacetonitriles, α -aroylacetonitriles, α -heteroarylacetonitriles, bis(heteroaryl)methanes, 1,3indanediones, 2-furanones, benzo-2-furanones, naphtho-2furanones, 2-indolones, 3-cyano-1,6-dihydro-4-methyl-2,6dioxy (2H)-pyridines, benzo (b) thieno-3-ylidene propane 15 dinitrile-5,5-dioxides, 1,3-bis (dicyanomethylene) indanes, barbituric acid, 5-pyrazolones, dimedone, 3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1-benzothiophene-1,1-dioxides and aryl-C(CH₃)C=C(CN)₂; Sub₁₄ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C_1 - C_6 alkylthio, arylthio, C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, nitro, heteroarylthio, C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, and aryloxy; Sub, is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkythio, C_1 - C_6 alkysulfonyl, aryl, arylazo, -CH=D, cyano, C_1 - C_6 alkysulfonyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylthio, arylsulfonyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, trifluoromethyl and C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl; 25 Sub₁₆ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, one or two groups selected from halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfonyl, nitro, cyano, C1-C6 alkoxycarbonyl, thiocyano and C_1 - C_6 alkylthio; Sub_{17} is selected from the 30 group consisting of hydrogen, one or two groups selected from C_1 - C_6 alkyl, halogen, nitro and SO_2N (C_1 - C_6 alkyl)₂; Sub₁₈ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C_1-C_6 alkylthio, C_1-C_6 alkylsulfonyl and heteroaryl; Sub19 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 35 one or more groups selected from C1-C6 alkyl, cyano, nitro, aryl, heteroaryl, arylazo, -CH=D, C1-C6 alkoxycarbonyl,

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 C_1-C_6 alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, CONH C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkanoyl, aroyl, halogen, formyl and heteroarylazo; Sub20 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, one or two groups selected from C_1 - C_6 alkyl, aryl, cyano, nitro, 5 C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6 alkysulfonyl, arylazo, heteroarylazo, heteroaryl, SO_2N (C_1-C_6 alkyl)₂, formyl, and -CH=D; Sub_{21} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, one to three groups selected from C_1-C_6 alkyl, halogen, cyano, C1-C6 alkylthio, C1-C6 alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, arylthio, heteroarylthio, C_1-C_6 alkoxy and aryloxy; Sub₂₂ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, one to three groups selected from C_1-C_6 alkyl, halogen, C1-C6 alkylsulfonyl, nitro, cyano, arylthio and heteroarylthio: Z is selected from the group consisting of

wherein R_{17} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-2 groups selected from C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkylthio, -0 C_2 - C_6 alkylene-OH, 0 C_2 - C_6 alkylene-C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, C₁-C₆ alkylene-OH, C₁-C₆ alkylene-C₁-C₆ alkanoyloxy, halogen, carboxy, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl, NHCOR24, NHCO2R24, $\text{NHCON}\,(R_{24})\,R_{25},$ and $\text{NHSO}_2R_{25},$ wherein R_{24} is selected from the 10 group consisting of hydrogen, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl or aryl, R_{25} is selected from the group consisting of $C_1 - C_{10}$ alkyl, C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl or aryl wherein each C_1 - C_{10} alkyl group in R_{24} and R_{25} may be further substituted with one or 15 more groups selected from the group consisting of C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, CO2H, CO2 C1-C6 alkyl, cyano, hydroxy, succinimido, C1-C6 alkoxy,

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wherein R_5 ', R_{16} ' and Q are as defined in claim 63; R_{18} and R₁₉ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, unsubstituted $C_1\text{--}C_{10}$ alkyl, substituted $C_1\text{--}C_{10}$ alkyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, C_3-C_8 alkenyl, C_3-C_8 alkynyl and 5 aryl or R₁₀ and R₁₉ may be combined with another element to which they are attached to form a radical Z having the formula

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wherein Q_2 is selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, -0-, -S-, $-SO_2-$, -CO-, $-CO_2-$, -N-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)-, -N(CO C_1 - C_6 alkyl)-, -N(SO₂ C_1 - C_6 alkyl)-, -N(CO aryl)-, or-N(SO₂ aryl); R_{20} , R_{21} and R_{22} are independently 15 selected from the group consisting of or C1-C6 alkyl; R23 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C1-C6 alkyl, C3-C8/cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl; with the provision that two carboxy (-CO₂H) groups be on Z, such that the two carboxy groups be present on either R_{17} or 20 R_{18} , or one carboxy may be present on each of R_{17} and R_{18} . The diacidic compounds of claim 90 wherein R_{18}

is

25 or R₁₇ is

The diacidic compounds of claim 89 wherein R_{18} 30 and R19 are independently selected from the group consisting of

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$$C_1$$
- C_2 alkylene — C_2 - C_4 alkylene

 R_{10} is selected from the group consisting of the groups listed immediately above and R_{17} is selected from the group consisting of

or NHCO C_1-C_4 alkylene CO_2H ; wherein Q is selected from the group consisting of $-S_-$, $-O_-$ or $-SO_2-$.

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